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Years ago, teenager **MATT MURDOCK** was blinded after being exposed to radioactive waste. He lost his sight, but his remaining senses began to function with superhuman acuity and gifted him with an ability similar to echolocation. Dubbed his ‘radar sense,’ it grants him a unique perspective on the world as he tries to better it as the costumed vigilante called **DAREDEVIL**.

No foe has stood in the way of Murdock’s pursuit of justice more than **WILSON FISK** — formerly the **KINGPIN** of a vast criminal empire that touched every corner of New York (and beyond), now the duly elected mayor of New York. Despite his best efforts, Fisk has failed to truly grow into his office and wash his hands of his old life — and the bloodshed it bore.

Now, after wedding **TYPHOID MARY** and retreating to upstate New York for their honeymoon, Fisk has discovered a secret that has made his blood boil…

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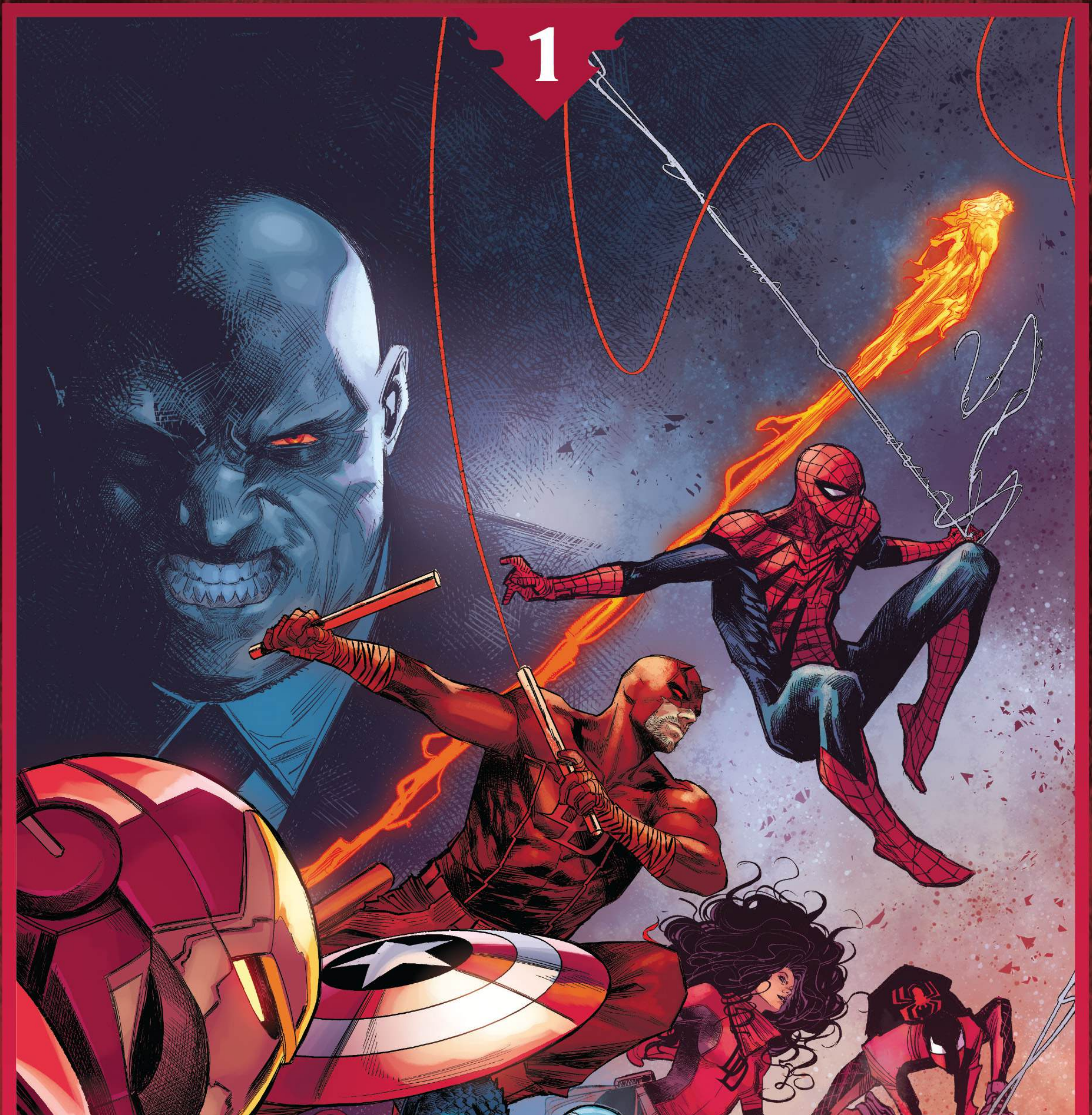

THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. TWO WEEKS AGO.
MR. STROMWYN... MS. STROMWYN...
...I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTERRUPTION. BUT THE *POLITICAL FUTURES GROUP* IS CALLING IN AT SIX.
VERY GOOD, SILVIA. WE'LL BE IN SHORTLY.
I SUPPOSE WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING *NEW YORK* ELECTION, BROTHER?
AMONG OTHER THINGS...
WHAT DO YOU THINK, UNA?
WE PUT MR. FISK IN THE MAYOR'S SEAT TO MAKE LIFE INTERESTING, AND HE CERTAINLY HAS DONE THAT.
HE MURDERED A FRIEND OF OURS, SCUTTLED OUR *HELL'S KITCHEN* PLANS...BUT...
QUINN, PLEASE. *TYRONE* WAS HARDLY A FRIEND.
BUT IT'S *FUN,* ISN'T IT? HIS *UNPREDICTABILITY.* LIKE A BULL IN A CHINA SHOP THAT WE KEEP SETTING BACK UP FOR HIM...
...BECAUSE WE OWN ALL THE CHINA IN THE WORLD.
SO. SHALL WE CROWN HIM AGAIN? KEEP THE GAME MOVING?
OR IS THERE A MORE *INTERESTING* GAME TO PLAY?

NEW YORK CITY. ONE WEEK AGO.
How did it begin? My hatred of this man.
There are so many things to hate, really.
His piousness. His outdated sense of morality.
But the thing I always come back to...

FISK.
...is his *hypocrisy.*
He looks down on our *baser natures* as he grins in a *fistfight.*
He puts on airs of a *saint* tasked with succumbing to violence...
NYPD
NYPD
CORDONING OFF A STREET IN *HELL'S KITCHEN?*
YOU CLEARLY WANTED MY *ATTENTION.* SHOULDN'T YOU BE AT *HOME...*
...but he's truly *the devil.*
...WITH YOUR *NEW BRIDE?*
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR WHATEVER THIS IS.
AND I DIDN'T BRING MY *READING GLASSES.*
THEN I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THAT IS, *DAREDEVIL.*
IT'S *NOTHING.*
BUT IT *SHOULD BE* SOMETHING.
IT'S A FOLDER FROM MY *PRIVATE SAFE,* WHICH I DIMLY REMEMBER PUTTING TOGETHER, REMEMBER *MAINTAINING...*

...LABELED *DAREDEVIL'S IDENTITY.*
AND THE PAGES INSIDE ARE EITHER *BLANK* OR *MEANINGLESS.*
LIKE A SICK JOKE. LIKE SOMEONE *SWITCHED* THEM OUT FROM MY MOST *SECURE AND SECRET* PLACE.
EXCEPT THEY *DIDN'T, DID THEY?*
DID THEY?
I CAN *FEEL* IT!
YOU! YOU *DID SOMETHING* TO MY MIND!
WHO ARE YOU?!
SORRY, WILSON.
BUT IT'S CALLED A *SECRET* IDENTITY.
You are the *devil.*
And I'll tear everything down to *destroy* you.
Because nobody knows you like **I** do. Nobody else knows your true *Achilles' heel:*
your *guilt.*

NOW.
NEW YORK CITY IS KNOWN FOR ITS RESILIENCE.
WE HAVE SUFFERED WAVE AFTER WAVE OF ATTACKS--OF DESTRUCTION--BROUGHT DOWN ON OUR GREAT CITY.
AND AT THE HEART OF ALMOST EVERY ONE OF THOSE...
...ARE "SUPER HEROES."
THE RAIN OF DARK ALIENS? I HAVE LEARNED THAT SPIDER-MAN ORIGINALLY INFECTED OUR PLANET WITH ONE OF THEM.
THE HORDES OF TROLLS AND ICE-STREWN BEASTS THAT DESTROYED OUR HOMES? THAT'S BECAUSE WE WELCOMED THOR, THE "GOD OF THUNDER," INTO OUR WORLD.
THERE'S A SAYING: "FOLLOW THE MONEY." WITH THESE TRAGEDIES, IT'S INSTEAD, "FOLLOW THE DESTRUCTION"...
...AND YOU'LL FIND IT LEADS BACK TO THESE "HEROES."
WE ALLOW THESE UNNATURAL MONSTERS IN CAPES AND BRIGHT COLORS FREE REIGN IN A CITY OF GOOD PEOPLE--PEOPLE TRYING TO LIVE THEIR LIVES.
AND WHEN WE DARE HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CRIMES?
LIKE WITH THE MURDERER DAREDEVIL?
THEY GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT, A SLAP ON THE WRIST...
...AND THEN THEY'RE FREE TO GO. TO DO WHAT THEY'VE ALWAYS DONE:
WHATEVER THEY WANT.
TERRORIZING. VIOLENCE. DESTRUCTION.

WELL, NO LONGER.
WE HERE IN *NEW YORK CITY* FEEL THAT ISN'T ENOUGH. OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH LAWMAKERS TO DRAFT *THE POWERS ACT.*
RECENTLY, OUR FRIENDS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL WISELY OUTLAWED UNSANCTIONED "SUPER HERO ACTIVITY" FOR THOSE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.
TO THOSE OF YOU OUT THERE WITH SUCH ABILITIES, I SAY THIS TO YOU:
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO EXHIBITS A USE OF POWERS DEEMED "SUPERHUMAN" OR COMMITS ACTS OF DESTRUCTIVE VIGILANTISM WILL BE CHARGED AS A THREAT.
YOU ARE NOT BETTER THAN US. NOT BETTER THAN THE HARDWORKING PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.
NOT BETTER THAN THE FINE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FIGHT OUR FIRES, WHO POLICE OUR STREETS, WHO MEND OUR SICK.
YOU WISH TO HELP SOCIETY?
BE A PART OF IT.
NOT ABOVE IT.
MAYOR FISK!
WILL THERE BE *EXCEPTIONS* TO THIS LAW?
THE *MAYOR* WILL BE TAKING QUESTIONS LATER.
FOR NOW, I'LL WALK YOU THROUGH WHAT'S BEEN RELAYED TO THE NYPD.
WILSON...ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD *IDEA?*
I DON'T MIND A GOOD FIGHT, BUT THEY'RE GOING TO *COME* FOR YOU...
MARY, MY DEAR...
...LET THEM.

--THE NEWS OUT OF CITY HALL: A SUPER HERO BAN.
WILL THE REST OF THE COUNTRY FOLLOW SUIT? NO COMMENT SO FAR FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BUT WE'RE EXPECTING--
THE POWERS ACT.
--DOWN THIS ROAD BEFORE.
SUPER HEROES SERVE A PURPOSE AND HAVE SAVED NOT ONLY NEW YORKERS, BUT THE WORLD, MANY TIMES OVER.
THIS IS A DESPERATE MOVE FROM A GANGSTER MAYOR IN AN ELECTION YEAR.
TONY STARK, AVENGER.
--CALLED THUNDERBOLT UNITS, SPECIALIZED OFFICERS FOR HANDLING SUPERHUMAN THREATS.
COMMISSIONER KYLE SAYS THAT THERE ARE AVENUES FOR POWERED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES IN ONE OF THESE UNITS--
--KNOW THEY SAVE PEOPLE, BUT THE MAYOR HAS A POINT ABOUT ALL THE ATTACKS.
AND DAREDEVIL MURDERED A MAN AND--WHAT--HE'S ALLOWED TO GO AROUND BEATING PEOPLE UP STILL?
NO PAIN NO GAIN
KRAKOA HAS NO INTEREST IN HUMAN LAWS.
ALL MUTANTS HAVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AS PER OUR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, SO IT WOULD BE IN THE MAYOR'S BEST INTEREST TO LEAVE US BE.
INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES FLOOD IN.
--FIRST WAVE OF ARRESTS AS POWERED INDIVIDUALS IGNORE THE NEW LAWS.
THE QUESTION EVERYONE'S ASKING NOW IS, WILL THIS LEAD TO A PEACEFUL UNDERSTANDING--
ARRESTS BEGIN.

"--OR A POWER-FUELED ESCALATION?"
MOON KNIGHT, A.K.A. MARC SPECTOR, A.K.A....
...PROBABLY A BUNCH OF #$@%#& NAMES.
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
YOU WANT ME?

COME AND GET ME.
"IT'S GOING TO BE *ALL RIGHT*..."
...JUST HOLD ON!
HERE HE COMES!
F.D.N.Y.
I THINK -*COUGH!*- THINK THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM UP THERE...
SON, YOU'RE A GODSEND. I'D SAY YOU SHOULD CHECK IN WITH ONE OF THE *MEDICS* FOR YOUR *SMOKE INHALATION*...

...BUT YOU BETTER *GO.* NOW.
G-GEEZ... WAY TO MAKE A GUY FEEL WANTED-- *COUGH*--
DON'T EVEN *THINK--*
F.D.
AMBUL
--ABOUT IT.
HNH!
OFFICER...
...STEP AWAY FROM THE YOUNG MAN.
NOW.
YOU'RE UNDER *ARREST* TOO, CAPTAIN.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE *POWERS ACT.*
F.D.N.
TZHK
I KNOW YOU'RE JUST DOING YOUR *JOB,* BUT HE JUST *SAVED LIVES.*
HE'S A *CRIMINAL.* YOU'RE ALL *CRIMINALS.*
IF A LAW NEEDS TO BE *BROKEN* IN ORDER TO SAVE *LIVES,* I'LL DO IT EVERY TIME.
YOU MAY AS WELL ARREST US FOR *BREAKING AND ENTERING* THIS BURNING *BUILDING* INSTEAD OF USING "POWERS."
NHH... DON'T...
...MY FAMILY...YOU CAN'T...

TOK
TOK
HRG!
SPIDER-MAN--
--YOU *UP* FOR THIS?
C-CUFFS BLOCKING MY *POWERS*...
WELL, IT'S A GOOD THING *WE'RE* HERE...
...TO EVEN THE ODDS.
CALL IT *IN*! CALL IT-- *HN*!
WE'VE GOT *COMPANY*!
I HEAR MORE COMING AT *STREET LEVEL* TOO.
WE NEED TO *RETREAT*--

DONE AND *DONE.*
HUNDRED METERS STRAIGHT AHEAD, FIRST LEFT-- THERE'S A DOOR ON THE RIGHT TO A *UTILITY ROOM.*
WE CAN LAY LOW THERE UNLESS I PICK UP ANY ACTIVITY.
ON IT.
MAN...IT'S *CRAZY* OUT THERE. I KNEW *FISK* AS MAYOR WAS GONNA BE BAD, BUT *THIS?*
THIS IS *WILD.* WHAT SET HIM *OFF?*
I...
...I DID.
THIS IS *MY* FAULT.
IT'S *NOT.* DON'T BE A *FOOL.*
HOW? WHAT HAPPENED?
MY IDENTITY, LIKE YOURS, IS A *SECRET...*
...BUT IT WASN'T *ALWAYS* THAT WAY.
THE *WORLD* KNEW WHO I WAS. AND...AND EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T *ASK* THEM TO...
...*ZEBEDIAH KILLGRAVE'S CHILDREN* MADE THE WORLD FORGET.
WAIT, "ZEBEDIAH"...

...THE *PURPLE MAN?* YOU MEAN HIS *KIDS* CAN MIND-CONTROL PEOPLE TOO?
THEY *CAN.* AND *FISK...*
...KNOWS SOMETHING IS WRONG. WITH HIS *MIND,* AND THAT IT'S *MY FAULT.*
I... I *TAUNTED* HIM WHEN HE CONFRONTED ME.
I COULD JUST TELL HIM WHO I AM AND MAYBE THIS WILL ALL *STOP...*
IT WON'T. WE KNEW WITH *FISK* IN POWER SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, *DAREDEVIL,* AND YOU SACRIFICING YOURSELF ON HIS ALTAR WON'T CHANGE A *THING.*
HE HASN'T PUSHED THIS LAW THROUGH FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY. IT'S HIS *VENDETTA.*
HE'S RISKING THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WE'VE SWORN TO *PROTECT.*
I WOULDN'T DARE SPEAK FOR THE REST OF YOU...
...BUT I WON'T LET A *TYRANT* STOP ME FROM SAVING LIVES.
DON'T GIVE IN TO HIM, DAREDEVIL. NOT NOW, NOT *EVER.* BECAUSE ONCE YOU DO...
...HE'LL TAKE IT *ALL.*

WHO THE *HELL* DO YOU THINK YOU *ARE?*
I *TOLD* YOU, MRS. RICHARDS, WE'RE WITH *HOMELAND SECURITY,* AIDED BY THE NYPD.
WE HAVE REASON TO *BELIEVE* THE *BAXTER BUILDING* IS HARBORING WEAPONS OF *MASS DESTRUCTION...*
...AND WE'VE SECURED PERMISSION TO *INVESTIGATE* AND *SECURE* ANYTHING WE FIND.
APOLOGIES, AGENT VANCE...
...BUT I HAVE AN *ARRANGEMENT* WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK *UNOBSTRUCTED* IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR SERVICE--
--TO THE COUNTRY--
WHAT THE *HELL?!*
TAK
TAK
POWER DAMPENERS...

...A NECESSITY FOR THOSE SUCH AS YOURSELVES, WHO ARE...PRONE TO LASHING OUT.
OCTAVIUS!
SO YOU'VE THROWN IN WITH FISK? NEVER TOOK YOU FOR A SUBORDINATE, OTTO.
TO MY OWN END, RICHARDS.
I RECENTLY RECEIVED SOME VERY INTERESTING INFORMATION ON WHAT YOU HAVE COOKING IN THAT LAB OF YOURS.
THE GOVERNMENT WAS HAPPY TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY FOR YOUR "AGREEMENT"...
...BUT NOW THAT I'VE SHOWN THEM WHAT YOU HAVE-- WELL, THEY HAVE NO CHOICE...
...SO YOU'RE ALL COMING WITH ME.
HNH!
LIKE HELL WE ARE!
SUBDUE HER!
HNN!
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BDEEP
BEN! JOHNNY!

CODE X7! CODE X7! HURRY!
WH--? X7! FOR REAL?
AW, NUTS. THAT'S...
...BAD.
CALLIN' A CAB, KID. STAY CLOSE.
UNCLE BEN, WHAT'RE YOU--?
WHOA! WHO ARE--?
TURN AROUND! HANDS WHERE WE CAN--
AHH!
BUDDA BUDDA
CRK
TNG

TOOM
SHOOTIN' AT KIDS?!
HNH!
HRN!
CRNCH
YER LUCKY I GOT RESPONSIBILITIES AND DON'T STICK AROUND TA CLOBBER YA SOME MORE!
HANG ON, GANG!
NF!

KRSHHH
AHHHH-!
DON'T YA WORRY, GUYS...
...OUR RIDE'S HERE.
WHAT NOW?
WELL, IF THIS IS A FER REAL CODE X7...
...WE GOTTA GO GET ALICIA N' THE RUGRATS...

"...'CAUSE THINGS ARE GONNA GET *ROUGH.*"
MORE ARRESTS?
YEAH... LOOKS LIKE MOON KNIGHT...
$#@% IS GETTIN' *REAL.* SHOULD WE EVEN BE *OUT*, JESS?
NO OFFENSE TO THE *OTHER* GUYS...
...BUT THIS IS WHY WE DON'T WEAR COSTUMES, RIGHT?
WE CAN TALK ABOUT LAYING LOW OUT OF THE *CITY* FOR A WHILE IF YOU-- WAIT, WHAT'S--?
SKA-
BOOM
Restaurant
LUKE!
AHH!
IT'S GONNA BE *OKAY*, JUST GIMME A *SECOND.*
I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THERE, DON'T WORRY...
THANKS FOR THE *ASSIST*...

...BUT THE *THUNDERBOLTS* GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.
NOW DO ME ANOTHER *FAVOR*--
--AND PUT THESE ON.
GO $#%@ YOURSELF, *SHOCKER.*

ALL RIGHT, THE *HARD WAY* THEN.
FSZZHKAH
NH!
WHAT THE *HELL* ARE YOU *DOING?!* PEOPLE ARE GETTING *HURT!*
THEN GO CALL THE *COPS.*
FZSHAAA
OH, WAIT--
--I AM THE--
AHHH!
CRNCH
KZCHOK
THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DIFFICULT.
HNH!

TOOM
SURE.
P-PLEASE...
YOU'VE GOT A BADGE NOW, SHOCKER, CONGRATS.
YOU JUST GRADUATED FROM TRASH--
TOOM
--TO OFFICIAL TRASH.

STARK
TRIES
Tod
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
WILSON FISK IS A GANGSTER AND A FOOL.
A BIG MAN WHO'S SMALL, WHO NEEDS TO SHOW HIS POWER. OVER ME, MY FRIENDS...
...AND YOU.
THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT "SUPER HEROES." IT'S ABOUT A MAN WITH HIS GRIP ON ALL OF US.
HE MAKES IT SOUND LIKE IF HE LOOSENS IT, YOU'LL JUST GET IN TROUBLE. THE KIND OF TROUBLE THAT SHOWS HIM THAT IT'S ACTUALLY YOU WHO HAS THE POWER.
LAURA'
LOOK, I'M NOT CAPTAIN AMERICA.
I'M NOT MR. FANTASTIC.
I'M JUST A NEW YORKER LIKE YOU. AND IF SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE, I DO WHAT NEW YORKERS DO:
I HELP.
IF MAYOR FISK WANTS TO STOP ME...

"...HE CAN COME AND *TRY.*"
BUTCH...?
...YOUR FIVE O'CLOCK IS HERE.
THANKS, TANYA. WE WON'T BE LONG.
YOU'RE THE ***KINGPIN*** NOW, BUTCH. AN ASSISTANT SHOULDN'T CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME. THERE NEEDS TO BE ***DISTANCE*** SO YOU CAN--
WHAT DO YOU WANT, "WILSON"?
I JUST... I SUPPOSE I WANT TO TALK.
I'VE SET THINGS IN MOTION. AND I WANTED YOU TO ***KNOW*** THAT I'M DOING IT FOR THE CITY, AND I'M...
...DOING IT FOR ***YOU.***
BEING THE ***KINGPIN*** IS HARD. ELIMINATING "SUPER HEROES" WILL MAKE LIFE ***EASIER*** FOR YOU, SO YOU CAN ***HOLD ON*** TO WHAT YOU'VE ***EARNED...***
...FOR YOU AND THOSE YOU LOVE.

PUT.
THAT.
DOWN.
OF COURSE.
I'M NOT HERE TO CAUSE DISTRESS. I JUST--
YOU'RE A *FOOL.*
"SUPER HEROES"? REALLY?
WHAT, AM I POINTING SPACE LASERS AT THE PLANET? TRYING TO *MIND-CONTROL* THE POPULATION?
YOU'RE AS *GARISH* AND *OUTDATED* AS *THEY* ARE.
I'M NOT *YOU,* "WILSON."
I'M NOT HERE TO BE GOADED INTO TRADING *PUNCHES* WITH *SPIDER-MEN.*
YOU'RE A *JOKE.* YOU CAN'T *HELP* BUT *POKE THE BEARS.*
AND THEY'LL EAT YOU.
THEY *WILL.* AND I'LL STILL *RUN THIS TOWN.*
NOW GET THE #$@% OUT.
I'VE GOT *REAL* MEETINGS TO TAKE.
THIS WILL HELP YOU.
I DON'T NEED YOU TO SEE THAT RIGHT NOW.
THE COMING MONTHS WILL DO THAT.
BE WELL... SON.

HOOOOOOLY... #$@%.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOUR DAD DIDN'T MURDER YOU, MAN!
HE USED EVERYTHING HE HAD TO BRING BACK HIS OTHER SON, RICHARD...*
...I FIGURED HE'D AT LEAST LEAVE ME ALIVE, MIKE.
*SEE GIANT-SIZE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: KING'S RANSOM #1 --ED
LOOK...I'M STILL NOT...NOT COOL WITH WHAT YOU DID TO YOUR PREDECESSOR.**
WE HAD A RULE, BUTCHIE. NO KILLING.
BUT... YOU REALLY DID IT, MAN.
**IN DAREDEVIL #36 --ED
WORKED YOUR WAY UP FROM BEING THE OWL'S FLUNKY TO THE KINGPIN OF CRIME.
COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU, "MATT MURDOCK."
LOOKING LIKE MY EX-D.A. BROTHER DEFINITELY COMES IN HANDY SOMETIMES.
AND HEY, NOT FOR NOTHING, I DON'T THINK YOUR ABSENTEE FATHER IS WRONG...
...GETTING RID OF THOSE POWERED GUYS WILL MAKE OUR LIVES EASIER.
YEAH. WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE FISK WINS THIS ELECTION.
'CAUSE IF HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT...
...HE MAY COME FOR HIS OLD JOB.
WELL, SO FAR, HE'S LIKE YOU AND ME, PAL...

"...RUNNING UNOPPOSED."
STUPID, STUPID!
YOU HAD TO MAKE IT A THING WITH A #$@%& SPEECH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE COPS AREN'T HERE ALREADY!
I'M NOT SORRY, JESS. PEOPLE NEEDED TO HEAR IT.
-SIGH- I KNOW.
LET'S JUST GET OUT OF TOWN WITH DANI AND FIGURE OUT OUR NEXT STEPS...
...THEN...
WE GOTTA STOP HIM.
TONY? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE, MAN?
IF YOU'RE LYING LOW, MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE PICKED A DIFFERENT CAR, DUDE.
WE'VE GOT TO TAKE DOWN FISK.
SURE. BUT HOW? I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M NOT TOO KEEN ON OVERTHROWING DEMOCRACY.
WHICH MEANS WE HAVE TO DO IT LEGITIMATELY.
THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. WITH A TON OF MONEY...
...AND A CANDIDATE.
I'M GOING TO RUN FOR MAYOR.
"IT'S PERFECT."

RICHARDS' LAB, IT'S...EVERYTHING I COULD EVER HAVE HOPED FOR, WILSON.
I'M GLAD, OTTO. I'VE UPHELD MY PART OF OUR BARGAIN...
...NOW I NEED YOU TO USE WHAT YOU'VE GATHERED THERE TO ASSIST ME.
THE PACKAGE HAS ARRIVED.
IT TRULY HAS...
LET ME OUT! DAMN YOU ALL! LET ME OUT!
LEAVE US BE, GENTLEMEN.
BUT SIR, HE--
THAT WILL BE ALL.
FISK. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.
PULLING ME OUT OF PRISON?

MY LAWYER'S GOING TO HAVE A FIELD DAY WITH--
ZEBEDIAH, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
IT'S POWER.
IT'S A COMMON MISCONCEPTION, BUT MY ASCENSION WAS NEVER ABOUT MY FISTS, MY STRENGTH OF BODY.
IT WAS ABOUT KNOWING THINGS. HAVING PEOPLE BRING ME SECRETS.
OVER THE PAST DECADE I'VE AMASSED FILES ON ANYONE WHO MATTERED. FRIENDS AND RIVALS. FROM THOSE AT THE TOP TO THE YOUNG SCRAPPERS WHO DARED FLEX.
SECRET IDENTITIES, FORBIDDEN TRYSTS, COVER-UPS AND LOVED ONES.
AND NOW I'M USING THEM ALL. PRACTICALLY GIVING THEM AWAY.
BECAUSE I'M IN MY ENDGAME.
THE FUNNY THING ABOUT YOUR FILE, ZEBEDIAH...
...IS THAT THERE'S NOTHING IN IT TO USE AGAINST YOU.
YOUR CHILDREN WANT YOU DEAD. YOU HAVE NO LOVED ONES.
YOU HAVE NOTHING.
#$@% YOU, FISK...
...I DON'T NEED ANYONE. EVERYONE DOES WHAT I WANT.
OPEN THIS THING UP AND I'LL SHOW YOU, YOU $#@$.
THERRRRE WE GO. NOW DO ME A FAVOR, BIG BOY...

...AND KILL YOURSELF-- GK!
NOW, NOW, ZEBEDIAH. YOU KNOW YOUR MIND CONTROL DOESN'T WORK ON ME.
MY WILL IS TOO STRONG.
"BUT IT DOES WORK ON OTHERS, DOESN'T IT?
"WHAT A GIFT."
WHAT A SQUANDERED GIFT.
PERHAPS IT'S TIME SOMEONE MORE WORTHY POSSESSED IT...
FISK
FOR PRESIDENT
"...FOR A BETTER WORLD."

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RAND CORPORATION.
I'M NOT IRON FIST ANYMORE, LUKE.
I APPRECIATE YOU THINKING OF ME, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT.
I SAW THE VIDEO OF YOU GOING AROUND. YOU BASICALLY PAINTED A TARGET ON YOUR CHIN.
YEAH, WELL, THAT'S WHY...
...WE'RE OFF TO SEE STEVE AND THE REST. STRENGTH IN NUMBERS, DANNY.
ONCE AN AVENGER--
ALWAYS AN AVENGER.
I'LL BE FINE, MAN. I MIGHT JUST DRIVE NORTH AND LAY LOW JUST IN CASE--
DANIEL RAND!
KRSH
HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM!
OR NOT, SO WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN.
SHERIFF CROSSBONES? THAT MAKES THIS DECISION EASY...
DANNY!
DAMMIT, DANNY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
I SAID, HANDS WHERE--

TOK
TOK
"LUKE! WHAT'S GOING ON?
"IS DANNY *OKAY?*"
CAN WE *GET* TO HIM, OR--?
I DON'T KNOW...
HE'S THIRTY BLOCKS AWAY, AND WE DON'T HAVE A QUINJET.
MY BROWNSTONE *LOCKED DOWN* WITH ALL OF MY ARMORS AS SOON AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TRIED TO GET *IN.*
IF WE'RE GOING TO HELP DANNY AND THE *CITY,* WE NEED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH *STEVE* AND THE REST.

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING,* WILSON?
OF COURSE.
NO MATTER THE *SECURITY,* NOTHING *QUITE* WORKS AGAINST...
..."NINJA," WAS IT? ISN'T THAT THE BACKGROUND OF MS. *ELEKTRA NATCHIOS...*
...THE CURRENT *FOOL* DRESSED AS *DAREDEVIL?*
YOU *KNOW* NONE OF THIS WILL *STAND, FISK.*
THIS DESPERATE *PLAY.*
THE PEOPLE YOU'RE UP AGAINST HAVE THE POWERS OF GODS.
AND IF THEY *ATTACK* THE *MAYOR,* THEN THE TRUE POWER--THE *PEOPLE--* WILL REMEMBER.
I'M TIRED OF ALL OF YOU, YOUR RIDICULOUS COSTUMES.
THINKING BECAUSE YOU HAVE *FREAKISH LIVES* RESULTING IN FREAKISH POWERS THAT YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WISH.
AH, SO THIS IS WHY YOU'VE COME.

YOU'RE A KILLER.
YOU COULD SOLVE ALL OF THIS. EXCEPT...
...YOU'VE NEUTERED YOURSELF, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU'RE PLAYING A LONG GAME WITH THE REAL DAREDEVIL, WHICH MEANS NO KILLING.
I, HOWEVER, AM THE OPPOSITE OF NEUTERED. I'M VIRILE, EAGER TO UNLEASH DECADES OF POWER.
SEE, I'VE SPENT A FORTUNE AMASSING INFORMATION.
ON FRIENDS. ON ENEMIES. THEIR WEAKNESSES, THEIR DALLIANCES.
AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.
YOUR FILE, I GAVE AWAY TO AN EAGER RECIPIENT.
SOMEONE WHO SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR THE CHALLENGE OF "THE GREAT ELEKTRA."
THEY HAD ONE REQUEST OF ME WHEN I NEXT SAW YOU. BECAUSE I KNEW YOU'D COME...
THEY'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THEM WHERE YOU FIRST TRIED TO RECRUIT THE...ORIGINAL DAREDEVIL...
...TO THE HAND.
NOW GO TO THEM, LITTLE NINJA.
He knows.

He knows what I *did*.
How I betrayed *Matthew*.
STOP HER! SHE'S GOING TO KILL *THE MAYOR!*
IT'S *OKAY*, MARY...
...I'VE JUST ASKED HER TO *LEAVE*.
If he finds out...
FZZSHAA
...I'll lose *everything*.
WILSON FISK
J.J.JAMESON PODCAST

I THOUGHT AVENGERS MANSION WAS, LIKE, DECOMMISSIONED.
IT'S A SPACE FOR THE PUBLIC NOW, BUT THE SUB-BASEMENT IS STILL SECRETLY ACTIVE.
GOTCHA. ARE WE GONNA KEEP WAITING FOR SPIDEY PRIME TO GO IN, OR--?
HE'S ALWAYS LATE. WE SHOULD GET IN BEFORE--
--DAMN.
HOLY #$%@! IS THAT--?
CAUGHT ME!
LOOK, I KNOW THIS MUST BE VERY EXCITING FOR YOU, BUT...
...WE NEED YOU TO KEEP THIS ON THE DOWN LOW, OKAY?
OFFICIAL AVENGERS BUSINESS. I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE, YEAH?
I'LL TRANSFER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO EACH OF YOU IF YOU DELETE THE VIDEO. HOW'S THAT SOUND?
SOUNDS LIKE A #$@% RIP-OFF, MAN!
DUDE, WE COULD SELL THIS VIDEO FOR WAY MORE!
TIN SUIT POCKETS AIN'T AS DEEP AS THEY SAY.
THEN HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU--?

HOW ABOUT YOU GUYS JUST DELETE THE VIDEO?
HOLY #$%, IT'S CAGE...
YEAH. IT'S ME. AND I'M TELLIN' YOU...
...IF *WE'RE* ALL TOGETHER, SNEAKIN' AROUND *THIS* PLACE?
BAD #$@% IS GOING DOWN. AND WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN STOP IT.
THIS CITY IS IN *DANGER*. AND IT'S YOUR CITY AS MUCH AS IT IS *OURS*.
DO ME A *SOLID*, ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, MAN, OF COURSE.
TAK
WHATEVER YOU SAY...

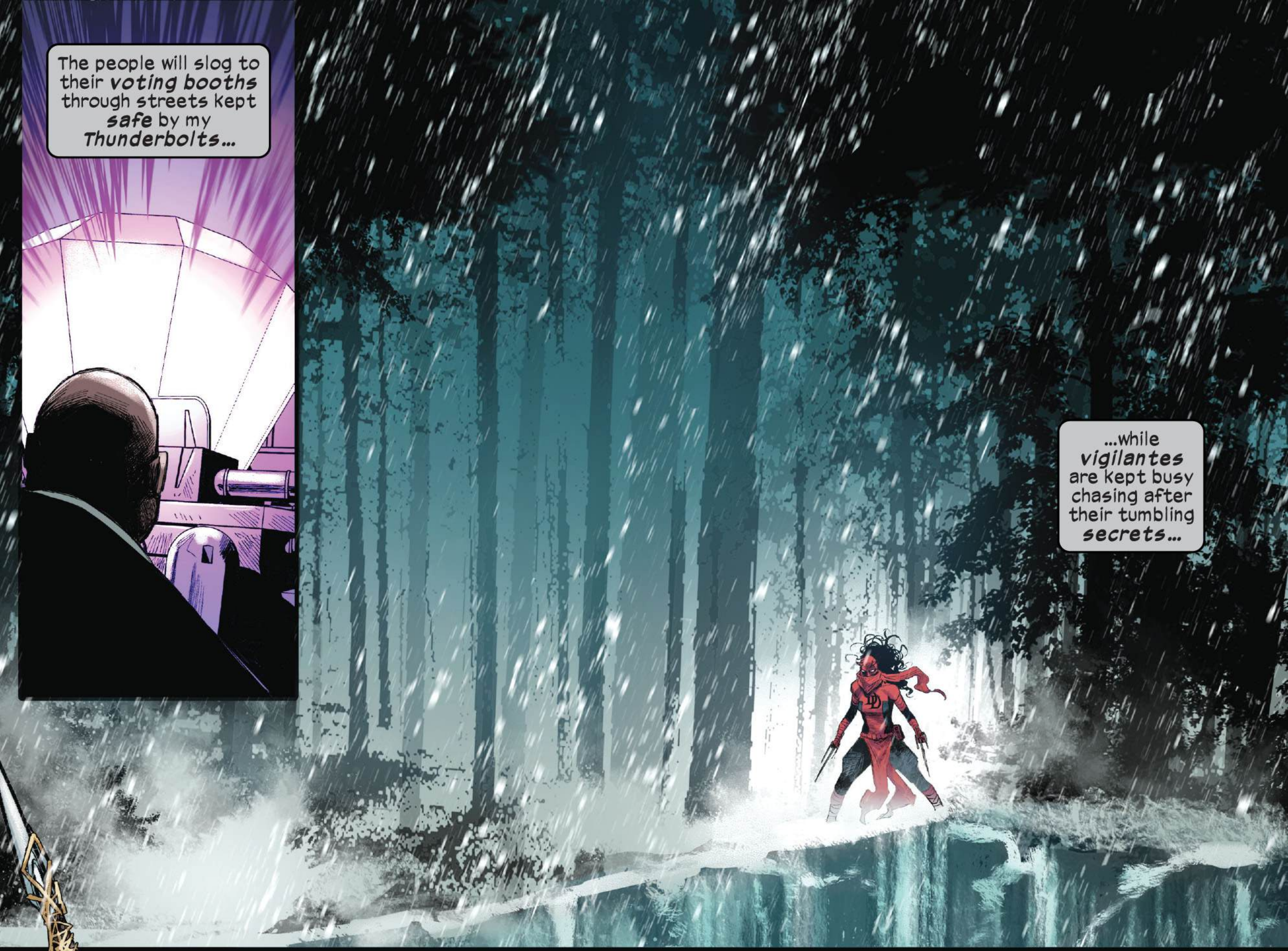
They asked for me by name.
They asked for *Spider-Man* to come *alone.*
It can't be a coincidence that it's going down at *the Bugle.*
That was *Peter's* place. Not mine.
DAILY BUGLE
Peter Parker. Ben Reilly.
It doesn't matter. When people are in danger...
...*Spider-Man* runs to them.
YOU DON'T NEED EVERYONE. TAKE *ME* AND LET THE REST *GO.*
HEH. *CLASSIC* HERO MOVE, ROBERTSON. BUT I THINK I'M GOOD.
SPEAKING OF "CLASSIC HEROES"...
The world's greatest *mimic...*
...YOU ORDERED ONE? UNDER THIRTY MINUTES OR I'M FREE.
WELL, THEN...

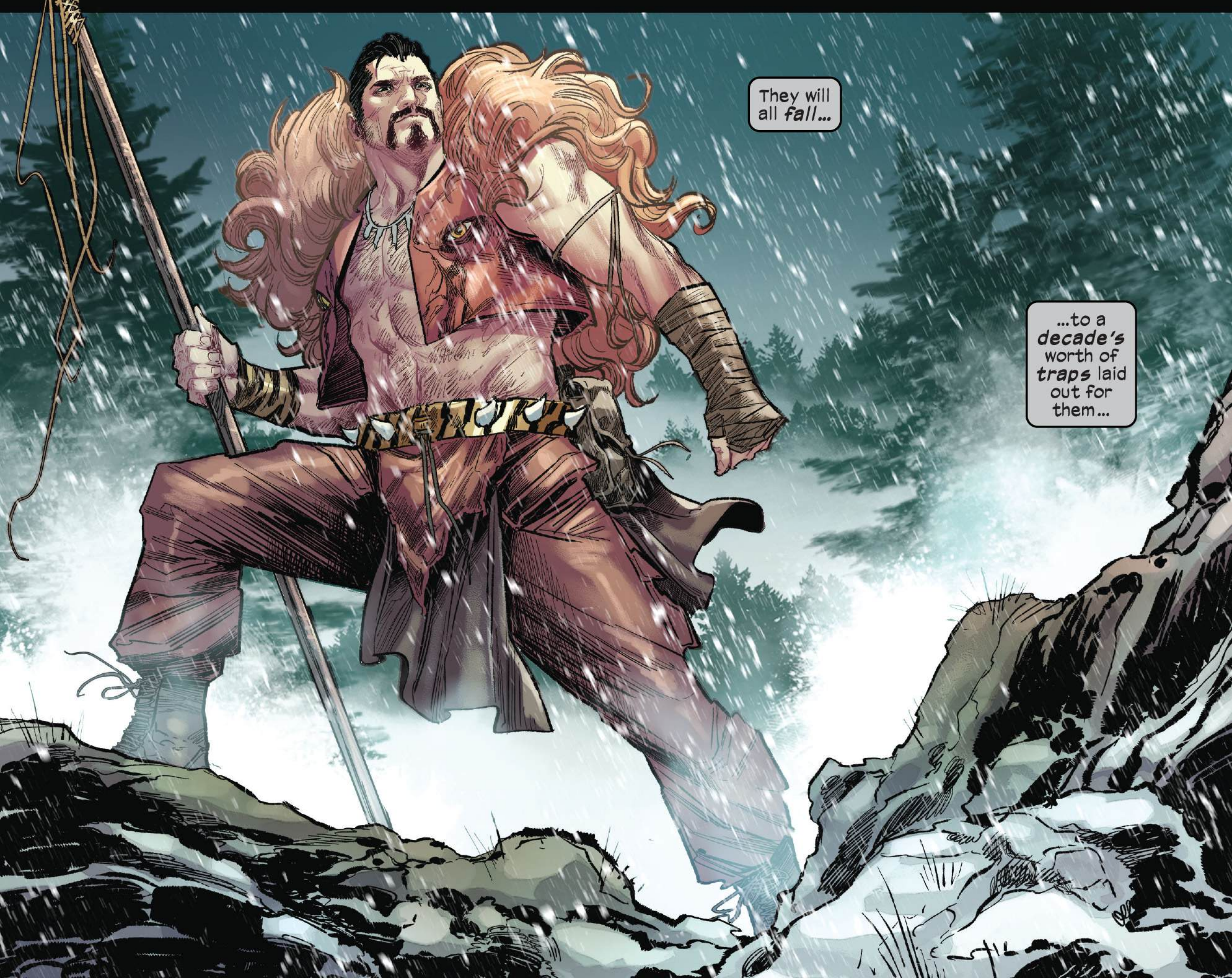
...Taskmaster. And Whiplash. His whips have enough electrical current to kill those people instantly.
...LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED, YEAH?
IT AIN'T PERSONAL, SPIDEY. SEE, THE GUY WHO HIRED ME HAS A FILE ON YOU. BUT IT'S INCOMPLETE. AND HE HATES THAT.
SO MY JOB IS TO FIND OUT WHO SPIDER-MAN REALLY IS.
HE ALSO GAVE ME SOME TOYS.
THE FILE SAYS--BASED ON YOUR COMINGS AND GOINGS--WHOEVER'S UNDER THAT MASK...
...PROBABLY WORKS HERE.
CHKwhRRRR
SO I FIGURED, DRAW YOU HERE FOR A MAYBE-NOT-SO-FAIR FIGHT WITH SOME PERFECT HOSTAGES...
...AND DO SOME MATH TO FIGURE OUT WHO SPIDER-MAN IS. THOUGH I'D RATHER DO IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY...
...BY BEATING YOU TO A PULP AND PEELING THAT MASK OFFA YOU.
LET'S GO.
Yeah, let's go. You can do this, Ben.

THE MYRMIDON. PRISON FOR SUPER-POWERED CRIMINALS.
ANY LUCK WITH YOUR PHONE CALL?
LAWYER'S TRYING TO *GET* HERE, BUT IT'S A LITTLE *TRICKY* SINCE WE'RE IN A PRIVATE PRISON IN THE *OCEAN.*
I JUST SAW THEM PROCESS *IRON FIST.* AS MORE HEROES GET BROUGHT IN, HOPEFULLY THAT *KICKSTARTS--*
"MR. FANTASTIC," YEAH?
DON'T LOOK SO FANTASTIC NOW.
GENTLEMEN. MY WIFE, SUE, AND I ARE HAVING A *PRIVATE* CONVERSATION.
GONNA BE *REAL* PRIVATE WHEN SHE'S HAVIN' IT...
...BY *HERSELF.*
KRAK

SON, WE DON'T NEED POWERS...
HRG!
...TO BE FANTASTIC.
HEY!
DOWN ON THE GROUND!
NOW!
STAY ALIVE, OKAY?
ALWAYS.
BREAK IT UP!

CITY HALL. SUB-BASEMENT.
IT'S THE BEST I CAN DO, FISK.
IT WAS ONLY EVER A RUMOR THAT VICTOR VON DOOM CONTROLLED THE WORLD USING ZEBEDIAH KILLGRAVE.*
THIS DEVICE WILL BE ABLE TO COERCE PEOPLE WITHIN NEW YORK, NOT CONTROL THEM.
THAT WILL BE ENOUGH TO WIN THE CITY, OTTO...
*SEE MARVEL GRAPHIC NOVEL #27: EMPEROR DOOM! --ED
...AND I'LL HANDLE THE REST.
SORRY, WILSON. I MADE SURE I WAS WELL-PROTECTED FROM THE "PURPLE MAN" INFLUENCE...
...WITH SPECIAL NEURO-BLOCKERS.
MY PART OF OUR DEAL IS DONE.
The more money a candidate spends on advertising, the more votes they get.
How easily people can be controlled. Manipulated.
This device is no different than a flurry of ominous commercials pushing citizens to vote out of fear.
I won't lose this election.
I won't lose my city.


The people will slog to their *voting booths* through streets kept *safe* by my *Thunderbolts*...
...while *vigilantes* are kept busy chasing after their tumbling *secrets*...


They will all *fall*...
...to a *decade's* worth of *traps* laid out for them...

...or *scurry* underground like the *rats* they are.
HEY, *TONY?*
JUST A SEC, LUKE.
BEEN AN *AGE* SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE *MANSION'S SUB-BASEMENT.* ALMOST FORGOT MY OLD *CODES...*
WE GOTTA TALK...
...ABOUT YOUR *PLAN.*
TO RUN AGAINST FISK.
I-IT'S THE *CLEANEST* WAY TO *WIN.* WHAT ELSE ARE WE GOING TO DO? *OVERTHROW* HIM?
IT'S NOT THAT! WE JUST... JUST DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE... *YOU.*
SORRY.
NO OFFENSE, MAN. BUT *RICH DUDE* VERSUS *RICH DUDE* DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE BEST PATH TO *VICTORY.*
YOU'RE A *HERO,* TONY. BUT JESSICA'S RIGHT. *FISK* WILL TWIST THINGS, AND WE'RE WORRIED YOU WON'T COME OUT ON *TOP.* I THINK...

...I THINK I SHOULD RUN.
WAIT, WHAT? HOW DOES THAT--?
LUKE'S THE RIGHT PICK, TONY.
HIS SPEECH THE OTHER DAY INSPIRED PEOPLE. AND TO WIN AN ELECTION...
...YOU NEED TO INSPIRE.
AND LUKE'S THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO'S NEVER WORN A MASK. THE PEOPLE TRUST HIM.
I MEAN, I NEVER WORE A MASK, BUT I'M NOT REALLY IN THE "INSPIRATION BUSINESS."
I'M SORRY, MAN. I DON'T WANT IT TO BE ME, BUT IT MAKES SENSE.
CREATING THESE LAWS DURING AN ELECTION SEASON IS DODGY AT BEST. WE CAN GET LUKE ON THE TICKET AND CIRCUMVENT ANY IMPENDING ARREST, I'M SURE OF IT.
THIS ISN'T EGO. THIS IS ABOUT BEATING FISK.
WE COOL?
YEAH...YEAH, OF COURSE. I'LL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THE FUNDING YOU NEED TO DO THIS, LUKE.
REALLY APPRECIATE IT, MAN.
NOT A PROBLEM...

"...WE'RE ALL IN THIS *TOGETHER*."
It's too much.
Taskmaster is the best in the *world* at hand-to-hand combat and I'm *trapped* fighting *inside*.
Need to work on *Whiplash*--get him to *give* up his *hostages*...
HN! HEY, WHIPLASH--
...go for his *ego*.
--THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO BE *A-LIST*...
...WEIRD THAT YOU'RE COOL WITH BEING THE GUY WHO *WATCHED* SOMEONE KILL *SPIDER-MAN*...
$#@% YOU, *BUG*, I'M *A-LIST*...
...ALL THE *WAY!*
Perfect. You'll have one *shot* at this--
YOU *IDIOT!* HE'S *GOADING* YOU TO--
--so make it *count*.
LOCKED AND GOADED, TASKMASTER--NH!
KRNCH
FZST

Muscles *seizing* from *electricity*--can't--
ALL...ALL RIGHT, *TASKMASTER*...
...C-CARE TO TAKE THIS *OUTSIDE?*
HONESTLY...
...THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.
What is--? My powers...
HNF!
...gone.

No!
Need to--need to *slow* my fall!
Powerless--this is gonna--
YAHHH!
Dis-dislocated... n-need to--
KRSHH

"FISK IS A SMALL MAN. *THINKING* SMALL.
"LET HIM TORTURE THE *MASKED MEN.* LET HIM HOLD ON TO HIS *SMALL* AMOUNTS OF POWER."
AS ALWAYS, *OTTO OCTAVIUS* UNDERSTANDS TRUE POWER.
TRUE POWER IS THE LABORATORY OF THE MAD SCIENTIST *REED RICHARDS...*
...WITH HIS *WILD INVENTIONS*, LIKE AN *INTERDIMENSIONAL GATE.*
SO LET *FISK* CONTROL A *CITY*. *MY* PLANS, AS EVER, ARE...

...SUPERIOR.

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ALL RIGHT, BUDDY. I'M ONLY GONNA ASK ONE MORE TIME...
...WHAT'S YOUR #@$% NAME?
J...J-JOHNNY S-SPIDERMAN...
WHY DON'T WE JUST FINGERPRINT HIM?
'CAUSE SOME OF THE BLEEDING HEARTS HERE THINK THIS GUY'S A HERO AND WON'T PROCESS HIM.
ME? I BLAME THE MEDIA, LIKE OUR EX-MAYOR J. JONAH JAMESON WITH HIS PRO-SPIDEY $@#@%.
HNH!
MAYBE HE DOESN'T HAVE A REAL NAME.
MAYBE RUNNING AROUND IN HIS FUNNY SUIT SHOOTING PEOPLE WITH STICKY STRING IS ALL HE DOES.
MAYBE HE'S JUST A LOSER WHO THINKS HE CAN DO OUR JOBS BETTER THAN WE CAN.
SOME JOKER WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE TO ANSWER TO. DOESN'T HAVE ANY OF OUR TRAINING.
HH...DID YOU TRAIN AS "TOUGH GUY WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T FIGHT BACK"?
'CAUSE YOU'RE C-CLEARLY TOP OF YOUR CL--
TAM
HNH!
GONNA LOVE HEARING THAT SMART MOUTH IN COURT, YOU #$@%!
WHAT? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF...
...WAIT, WHO?

I KNOW THAT A BUNCHA YOU DON'T *AGREE* WITH THE GARBAGE THE *MAYOR* IS HANDIN' DOWN.
I ALSO KNOW YOU STILL HAVE *JOBS* TA DO.
BUT ME AND *MATCHSTICK* HERE ARE GONNA DO WHAT'S *RIGHT...*
"...AND GET OUR *FRIEND,* A GUY WHO'S SAVED YOUR LIVES OVER AND OVER."
WHAT--WHAT ARE WE GONNA *DO?*
OUR *JOBS.* LET THEM TRY TO--
SSSSSSSSS
--GOOD GOD...

SSSSSSZZ
HEY. SORRY ABOUT THE DOOR.
I CAN'T TURN THE FIRE OFF THESE DAYS.
KRKRNCH
AND I'M...
...SORRY 'BOUT THE WALL.
WE'RE HERE FOR A SLIGHTLY ANNOYIN' SUPER HERO.
"SLIGHTLY"? MAN, I MUST LOOK REAL ROUGH IF YOU'RE TAKIN' IT THAT EASY ON ME...
WHERE TO NOW? PLEASE SAY THE HOSPITAL...
SORRY, BUD. WE'LL FIX YOU UP THOUGH, DON'T WORRY.
EVERYONE'S ON THE LAM, KID.
LIKE IT OR NOT, WE'RE ALL CRIMINALS NOW.
WELL...
NEW YO POLICE DEPT

"...*ALMOST* ALL OF US."
--WASN'T AN EASY DECISION. BUT I LOOK AT THIS CITY...
...WHICH HAS BEEN SAVED ***COUNTLESS*** TIMES BY ITS SUPER HEROES--BY MY ***FRIENDS***--AND I JUST CAN'T STAND BY ANYMORE WHILE OUR MAYOR TRIES TO PUNISH THEM, TRIES TO MAKE ***YOU*** LESS SAFE...
CAGE FOR MAYOR
CAGE FOR MAY
...SO ***HE*** CAN KEEP YOU LIVING IN ***FEAR.***
THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT: MAKING A CITY ***SCARED*** AND TRICKING US INTO THINKING ***HE'S*** THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE IT.
WELL, UNLIKE ***WILSON FISK,*** I'VE ACTUALLY ***SAVED*** LIVES...
...AND I'LL ***SAVE THIS CITY*** FROM ***THE KINGPIN OF CRIME.***
I'M ***LUKE CAGE*** AND I'M RUNNING TO BE YOUR ***NEXT MAYOR.***
MR. CAGE! MAYOR FISK SAYS THAT "SUPER HEROES" SIMPLY CREATE "SUPER VILLAINS"! ANY COMMENT ON--?
WITH THE ESCALATION FROM ***KAMALA'S LAW*** TO THIS NEW ***POWERS ACT,*** ARE YOU NOT A ***WANTED MAN?*** HOW CAN YOU RUN--?
I'M ***FRANKLIN NELSON,*** MR. CAGE'S LAWYER, AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY ***QUESTIONS*** YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE ***LEGAL*** SITUATION.
NOT SURE WHY, BUT THAT WAS ***NERVE-RACKING.***
YEAH, I'M NERVOUS TOO.
IT'S 'CAUSE NEITHER OF US CAN ***PUNCH*** OUR WAY THROUGH THIS.
HEH, GUESS SO. WHAT DO YOU SAY... WANT TO GET US AWAY FROM THESE REPORTERS?
AS LONG AS YOUR "TOUGH GUY MAYOR" IMAGE CAN HANDLE IT.
ALWAYS.

--AND I...
AHEM. WITH THESE DRACONIAN LAWS BROUGHT IN DURING AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN...
...DISTRICT ATTORNEY HOCHBERG AGREES WITH ME THAT MR. CAGE AND HIS FAMILY SHOULD BE FREE TO RUN IN THIS ELECTION SINCE THIS IS THE PRIMARY ISSUE.
MR. CAGE IS FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF EVERYONE AFFECTED BY THIS WILD MUNICIPAL OVERSTEPPING BY MAYOR FISK.
MYSELF AND MY PARTNER, MS. McDUFFIE, ARE REPRESENTING THE HEROES WHO HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY IMPRISONED.
MAYOR FISK KNOWS THIS IS AN UNETHICAL MOVE. HE'S A CONVICTED CRIMINAL WHO HAS BEEN LEFT TO RUN FREE FOR TOO LONG...
...AND WE WON'T REST UNTIL THAT'S RECTIFIED...
"...AND HE'S BEHIND BARS ONCE MORE."
WE DON'T HAVE A TRIAL DATE YET, BUT THE MYRMIDON IS ADDING AN ASSAULT CHARGE TO BOTH YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND, MS. STORM.
IT'S JUST SUE, KIRSTEN.
AND THIS IS PREPOSTEROUS. REED AND I WERE DEFENDING OURSELVES!

IT'S CLEARLY A *VENDETTA*. GETTING *FISK* OUT OF THE *MAYOR'S SEAT* WILL GO A LONG WAY TO OVERTURNING THIS...
...BUT I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE *NATIONAL* SENTIMENT. PEOPLE ACROSS AMERICA GENERALLY VIEW SUPER HEROES AND SUPER VILLAINS AS A "NEW YORK PROBLEM"...
...AND POLLS SUGGEST THEY'RE WORRIED NEW YORK IS GOING TO PUSH THEM INTO *THEIR* BACKYARDS.
WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A *FEDERAL LAW.*
DAMMIT. WE CAN'T HANDLE ANOTHER SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT. WE NEED TO *STOP* THIS BEFORE IT GETS BIGGER.
ALL RIGHT. TIME'S UP.
SORRY, SUE. THEY'RE BEING OVERLY *STRICT* WITH HOW LONG--
IT'S OKAY, KIRSTEN...
...I THINK WE'RE DONE HERE.
"SO THIS IS YOUR *GRAND PLAN?*"
USE MY POWERS TO *BRAINWASH* THE VOTERS TO ELECT YOU?
SEEMS LIKE A *SMALL* MOVE...

...EVEN FOR YOU, WILSON.
SOMETIMES SMALL MOVES...
...WIN WARS.
THIS IS BEYOND AN ELECTION, ZEBEDIAH.
THIS IS ABOUT A NEW DAY, WHERE MEN LIKE ME FINALLY HAVE THE FREEDOM TO RULE...
...AND THOSE WHO WOULD STAND IN OUR WAY WILL BE THE SCURRYING CRIMINALS.
NAH...THIS IS MORE THAN THAT. THIS IS ABOUT YOUR ACHILLES' HEEL.
THIS IS ABOUT DAREDEVIL. HE'S GOT YOU RILED UP.
HE...IS A TICK, BURROWED IN.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING...ELSE TO HIM. HE'S DONE SOMETHING TO ME.
I KNEW WHO HE WAS, WHO HE REALLY WAS, BUT NOW...
IT'S GONE, OR BURIED IN A FOG DEEP IN YOUR HEAD.
HOW DO YOU...?
I KNOW BECAUSE...
...I FEEL IT TOO.
BUT I FEEL IT BECAUSE IT'S AS IF I USED MY OWN POWER AGAINST MYSELF.
WAIT...

...ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DID THIS?!
NO...BUT IT'S MY POWER. IT'S FAMILIAR... BUT DILUTED.
IT'S MY CHILDREN.
OF COURSE.
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU--?
FISK. I TOLD YOU I'M BUSY.
ZEBEDIAH HAS CHILDREN WHO SHARE HIS POWERS.
THEORETICALLY...
...IF WE WERE TO GATHER THEM, WOULD THEY AMPLIFY THE POWER OF THE PSYCHO-PRISM?
UNDOUBTEDLY.
EXCELLENT. I NEED YOU TO LOCK ONTO THEIR POWER SIGNATURE AND FIND--
NOT SO FAST, FISK...
...I'M NOT GOING OUT TO ROUND UP CHILDREN. OUR DEAL IS CONCLUDED...
...BUT I AM WILLING TO UPDATE THE PSYCHO-PRISM ONCE YOU HAVE THE SUBJECTS.
FINE. I'LL GATHER THEM. I HOPE WHATEVER IS OCCUPYING YOUR TIME AT RICHARDS' LAB IS WORTH DISAPPOINTING ME.

TAK
HNN...IS THERE...
...A PROBLEM?
NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE. FISK IS OBSESSED. AND THAT OBSESSION...
...IS THE PERFECT *DISTRACTION.*
WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SEE SOME PROPER *ACTION,* OTTO?
SOON, *OTTO.*
I BROUGHT YOU ALL HERE BECAUSE WE *SHARE A DREAM* AND HAVE SUFFERED SIMILAR *SETBACKS.*
EACH OF YOU INHABITED A HERO FROM YOUR UNIVERSE, EACH WITH DREAMS OF SHOWING THE WORLD YOU COULD BE THE *GREATEST* HEROES, UNAFRAID TO MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS.
AND IN EACH WORLD YOU WERE *HUNTED* AND *ATTACKED* AND *LOST EVERYTHING.*
BUT *TOGETHER,* WE CAN *TRULY* BE *SUPERIOR.* WE WILL SHOW EVERYONE THAT THE WORLD WILL NO LONGER BE RUN...

"...BY SMALL-MINDED MEN."
CAPTAIN MARVEL IS OFF-PLANET. SO IS THOR.
EVEN IF THEY WERE HERE...
...WHAT COULD THEY DO? SMASH THE LEGAL SYSTEM WITH A HAMMER?
SHOULDN'T WE BE THINKING OF HOW TO LEGITIMATELY STOP FISK?
WE'LL NEED PHYSICAL POWER TO PUT OFF BEING TAKEN IN. AS FOR LEGALLY...
...THAT'S WHAT LUKE'S PLAY IS ABOUT.
SURE, BUT...
...THE FIRST POLLS AREN'T LOOKING GOOD.
HAS FISK ACTUALLY SCARED EVERYONE INTO VOTING FOR HIM?
IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME. THEY VOTED FOR HIM ONCE, WHY NOT AGAIN?
I MEAN...HE DOES HAVE SOME GOOD POINTS.
THE ACT IS ZERO TOLERANCE. IT'LL PUSH VILLAINS INTO HIDING AND REMOVE US AS TARGETS...
JEN, ARE YOU SERIOUSLY--? WHAT ARE YOU EVEN SAYING?

I JUST-- I DON'T KNOW. DOESN'T IT MAKE SENSE?
NO, IT DOESN'T! WE CAN'T--
WAIT... THIS IS... THIS...
...THIS IS THE PURPLE MAN.
ZEBEDIAH KILLGRAVE? ARE YOU--?
I FEEL IT. IT'S SUBTLE, BUT I KNOW IT TOO #$@% WELL.
FISK IS-- FISK IS USING HIS POWERS SOMEHOW! INFLUENCING US!
WELL, THEN...
...THIS ISN'T A MATTER OF LEGALITY OR DEMOCRACY ANYMORE.
HE'S VIOLATING AN ENTIRE CITY. WE NEED TO TAKE HIM DOWN... BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.
I DON'T... WE NEED TO BE CERTAIN. IF WE'RE WRONG--
I KNOW FISK.
HE'S DOING THIS.
WE HEAD OUT TONIGHT TO REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE...
...WITH OR WITHOUT YOU.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THEY'RE LOOKING FOR *US?*
IF OUR *FATHER* IS BEHIND THIS, YOU CAN BE *SURE...*
...HE'S *COMING* FOR US.
WE NEED TO GET TO *HIM* BEFORE THAT HAPPENS--
WHAT WE *NEED...*
...IS SOMEWHERE TO STAY TONIGHT. WE CAN HUNT DAD TOMORROW, WHEN--
EXCUSE ME...
...ARE YOU... ARE YOU KIDS *OKAY?*
YOUR *SKIN,* YOU...
THIS HORRIBLE *LAW.* DO YOU NEED *HELP?* I CAN--
TAKE US TO YOUR--
ACTUALLY...

...WE *DO* NEED HELP. A PLACE TO ***STAY*** TONIGHT, IF IT'S ALL RIGHT.
OF ***COURSE.*** I LIVE JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM HERE. IT'S NOT ***BIG,*** BUT...
JOE! WHAT ARE YOU ***DOING?*** WE CAN JUST ***MAKE*** HER DO WHAT WE NEED!
I KNOW, BUT...
...SHE ASKED IF WE NEEDED ***HELP.***
WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME ***FORCING*** PEOPLE TO DO THINGS FOR US...
...WE SHOULD, LIKE, ***EMBRACE*** WHEN PEOPLE GENUINELY ***WANT*** TO HELP.
I DON'T LIKE IT. WE CAN'T LEAVE ANYTHING TO ***CHANCE.*** ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE ON OUR WAY...
...TO ***KILL*** OUR ***FATHER.***

HRK!
I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE...
...THIS IS THE BEST PLAN.
I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT...
FISK HAS BEEN SPENDING HIS NIGHTS AT CITY HALL SINCE HIS PENTHOUSE AND MANSION WERE COMPROMISED.*
*SEE DEVIL'S REIGN: WINTER SOLDIER #1! --ED
...AFTER WE GET TO FISK, WHAT THEN?
WE HOLD HIM UNTIL WE CAN GET THE EVIDENCE OF THE PURPLE MAN'S INVOLVEMENT.
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK...
...WE DUMP HIS ASS ON A DESERTED ISLAND WHERE HE CAN'T DO ANY HARM.
THAT'S--NO. WE'RE NOT JUST DISAPPEARING THE MAYOR, EVEN IF HE IS--
KID, WE'RE CRIMINALS. OUR ENTIRE VIGILANTE SITUATION IS THAT WE SOMETIMES HAVE TO GO TO PLACES WHERE OTHERS CAN'T OR--
WAIT-- SOMETHING'S ABOUT TO--
POLICE

SMASH.
KRAKOOM
HN! THAT'S NEW.
HOLD ON, THERE'S MORE ON THE--
SHK
CLANG
AH, EXCELLENT. A CAPTAIN AMERICA...

...I'VE KILLED ONE OF THOSE BEFORE.
AND HERE WE HAVE A TRUE SINNER...
...MORE THAN ANYONE KNOWS!
FZA FZA
STAY--STAY AWAY! I DID WHAT YOU ASKED!
RAHH!
KRKRAH

TOOM
TONY! HNH!
PLANNING A MIDNIGHT VISIT...
...TO OUR ESTEEMED MAYOR?
GREAT MINDS, I SUPPOSE.
I WASN'T EXPECTING COMPANY, BUT I'M SURE AT THE VERY LEAST...
...IT'S GARNERED FISK'S ATTENTION.

OCTAVIUS! ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE *FINE* TAKING ORDERS FROM *FISK?!*
ON THE *CONTRARY.*
"I *WAS* GOING TO STEAL THE *MAYOR'S SEAT* OUT FROM UNDER HIM...
TONY!
"...BUT YOU HAD TO DISMISS MY *PROXY CANDIDATE...*

"...IN FAVOR OF HARLEM'S HERO.
...CHAMELEON?
"SO INSTEAD OF RUNNING THE CITY..."
...I'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR SAVING IT.

FALL BACK, AVENGERS!
NO!
WE CAN'T LET FISK GET AWAY!
WE'RE DYING HERE! WE NEED TO REGROUP! LIVE TO FIGHT...
"...ANOTHER DAY."
NHH... SHOULD PROBABLY JUST GO HOME TO SLEEP...
HONESTLY...

...THAT WOULD'VE BEEN A **SMART** MOVE.
AH! WHO THE $#@%--?
HRK!
YOU AND YOUR LADY LAWYER ARE REAL LOUD, YEAH?
GRRK... Y-YOU...
OUR BOSS DON'T LIKE THAT.
THINKS YOU'RE BETTER OFF...
"...NEVER TALKING AGAIN."

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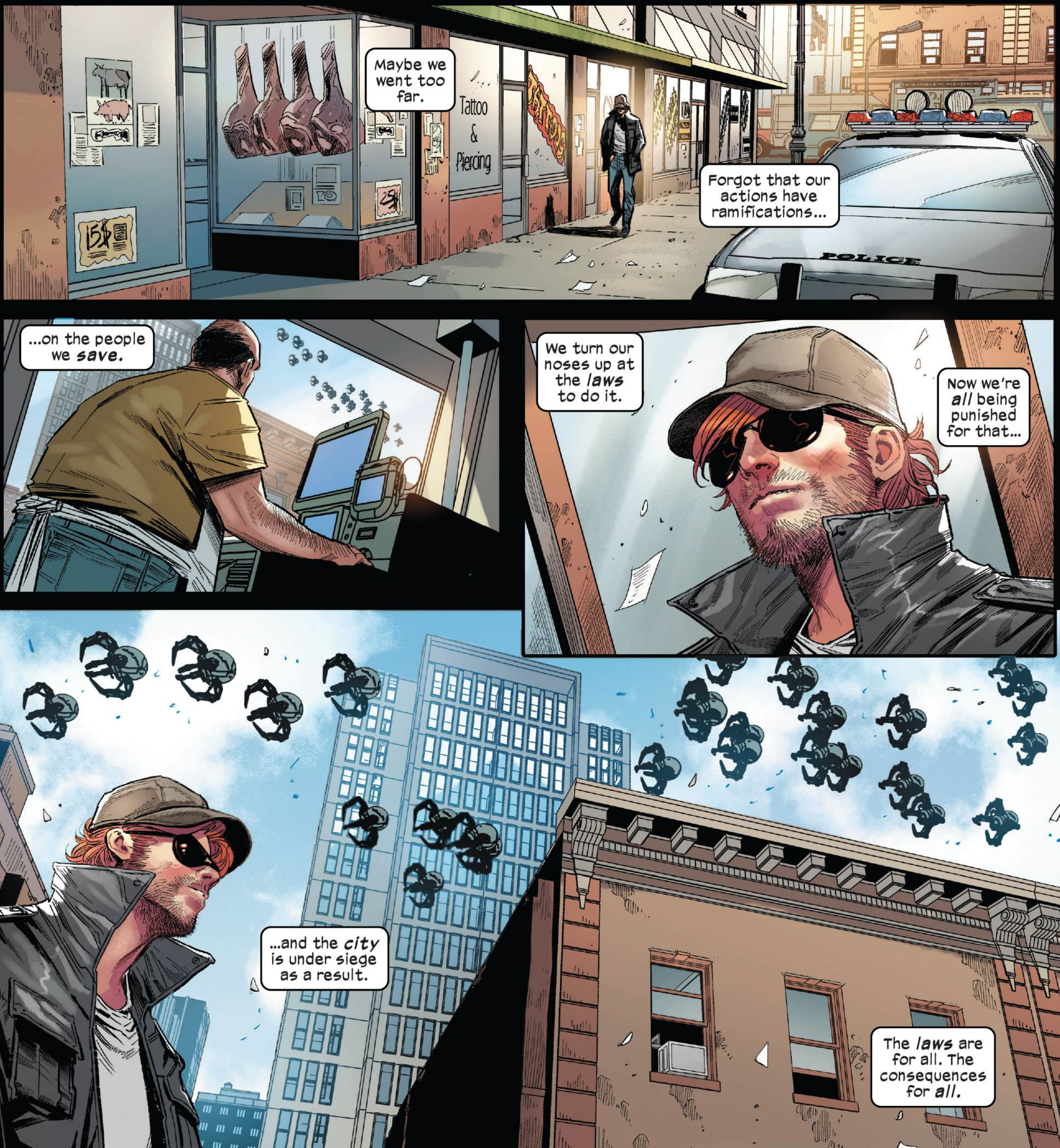
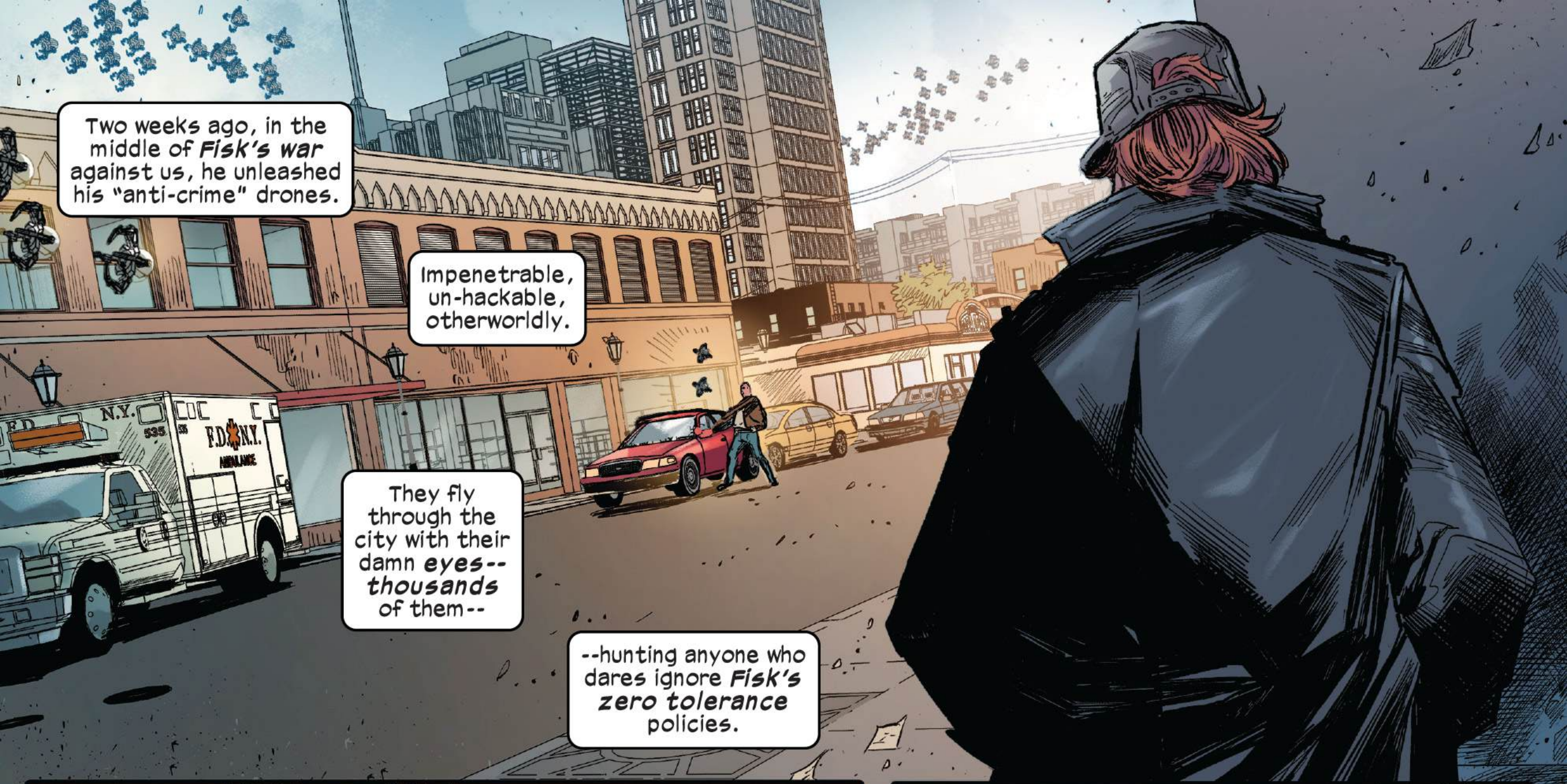
TWO WEEKS LATER.


Maybe we went too far.
Tattoo & Piercing
15$
25$
Forgot that our actions have ramifications...
POLICE
...on the people we *save*.
We turn our noses up at the *laws* to do it.
Now we're *all* being punished for that...
...and the *city* is under siege as a result.
The *laws* are for all. The consequences for *all*.


Two weeks ago, in the middle of *Fisk's war* against us, he unleashed his "anti-crime" drones.
Impenetrable, un-hackable, otherworldly.
They fly through the city with their damn *eyes-- thousands* of them--
--hunting anyone who dares ignore *Fisk's zero tolerance* policies.
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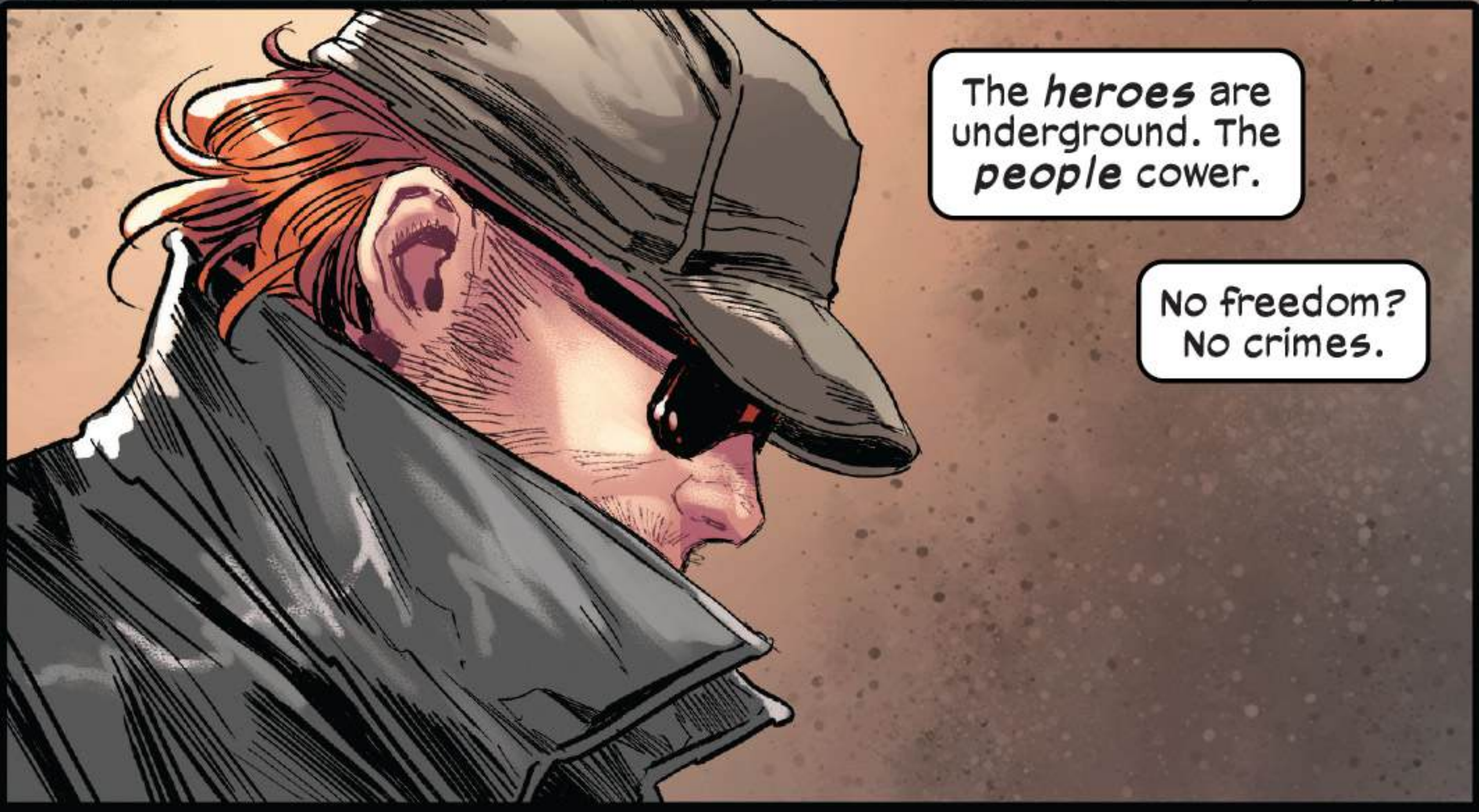
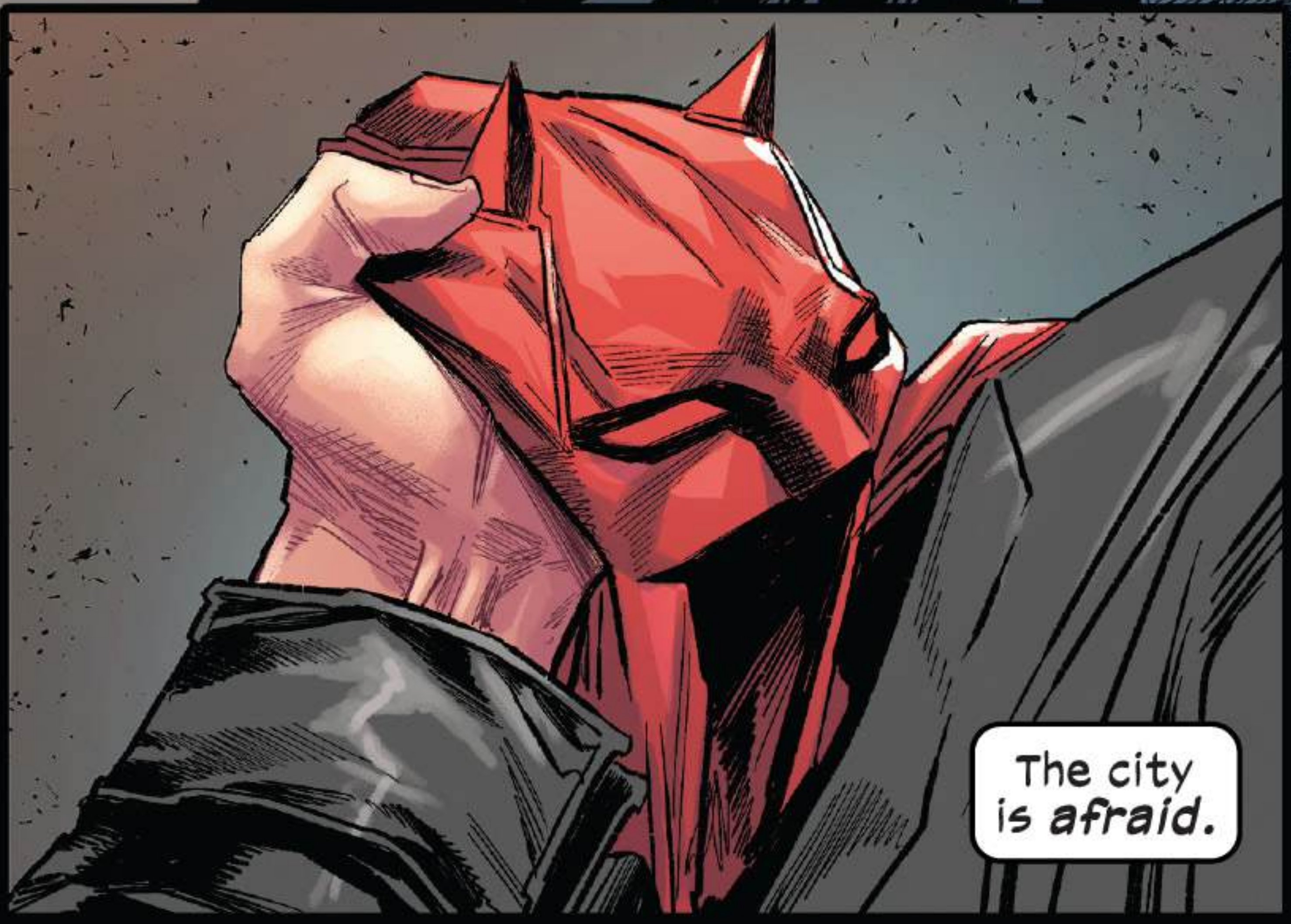
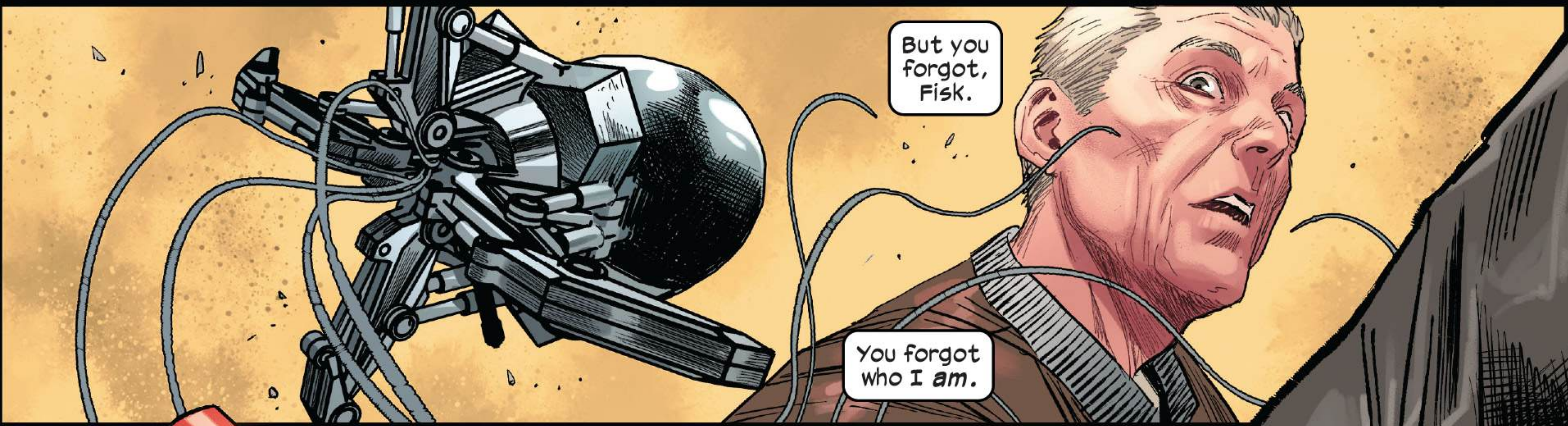
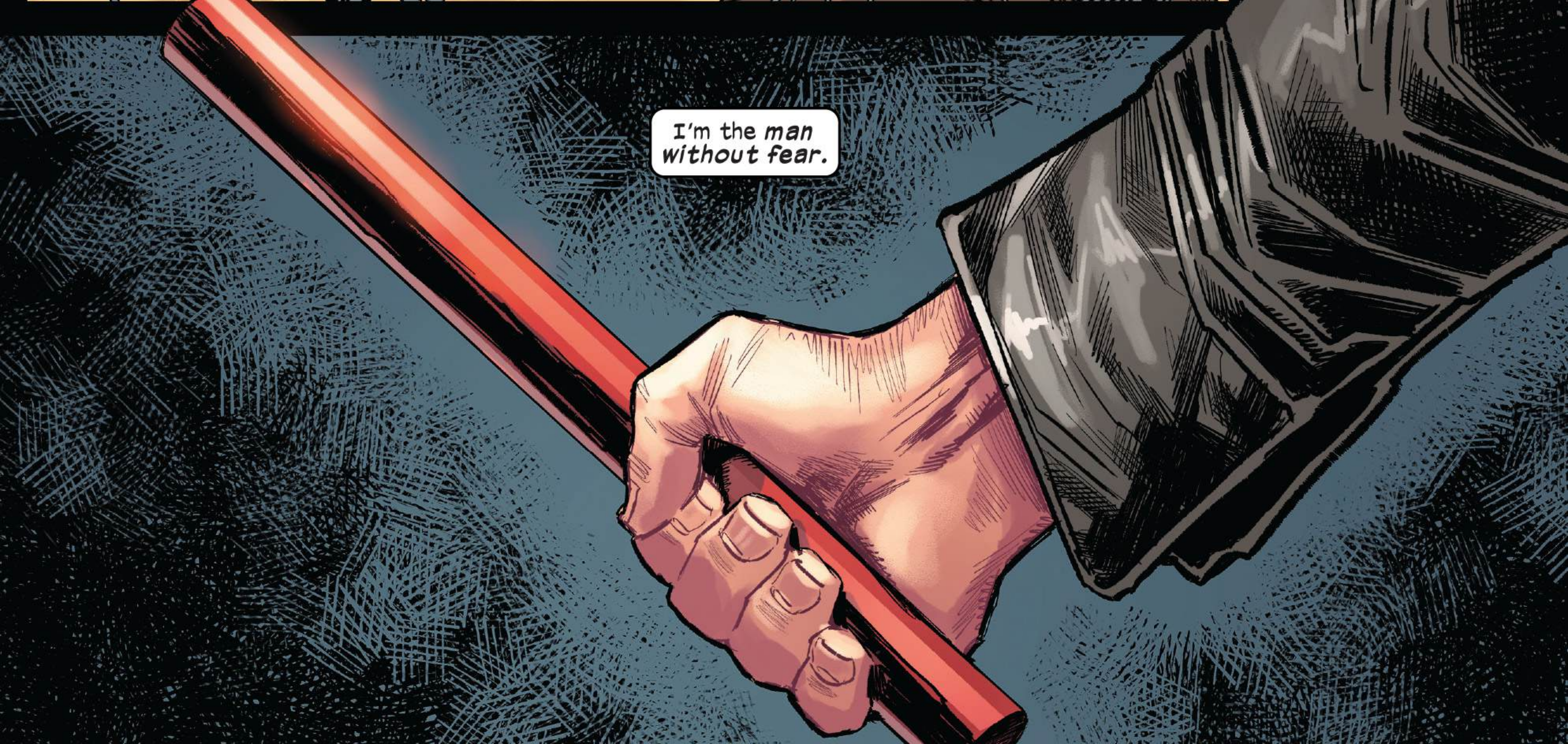

The *heroes* are underground. The *people* cower.
No freedom? No crimes.

The city is *afraid*.

But you forgot, Fisk.
You forgot who I *am*.

I'm the *man without fear*.

IT'S ELECTION SEASON...
...SHOULDN'T YOU BE OUT CAMPAIGNING?
OH, RIGHT. WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO DO THAT?
THE CITY IS CRIME FREE.
AND YOU'RE USING THE PURPLE MAN'S POWERS OF PERSUASION ON IT.
OTTO? CARE FOR A SCOTCH?
HN. I ONLY CARE FOR FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD SINGLE MALT.
OH, I KNOW. I WOULDN'T SUBJECT US TO ANYTHING ELSE.
EXCELLENT.
I ALMOST ADMIRE YOUR SWING, OCTAVIUS. BUT IT'S A SWING THAT YOU FAILED TO LAND.
IF YOU WERE GOING TO COME FOR ME...
...WHY NOT COME FOR THE CROWN?

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN OBSESSED WITH *POWER,* WILSON.
I'M *HAPPY* TO HAVE YOU SIT IN A *USELESS SEAT,* TO SHAKE HANDS AND KISS BABIES.
BUT I...
...I MAKE THE WORLD *BETTER. SAFER.*
AND I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT *WITHOUT* YOU.
RICHARDS' *LAB* YIELDED *MARVELOUS THINGS.*
A MULTIVERSE OF HELP--OF INVENTIONS THAT MADE MY *OCTOBOTS POSSIBLE.*
SNIFF
MRS. FISK IS COMING. I CAN SMELL HER *PERFUME.*
CHEAP. LOW *CLASS.*
WELL THEN, WE SHOULD *GO...*
...SHE'S THE *VIOLENT* TYPE AND WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO *KILL* HER.
AND I ALMOST FORGOT WHY I CAME. I WANTED TO DELIVER THE NEWS IN PERSON, WILSON.
CRIME IS *DOWN,* WHICH MEANS...
...WE'VE ARRESTED YOUR *CRIMINAL SON.*

FOGGY...
...YOU STILL AWAKE?
YOU KNOW I AM, MATT.
YOUR BODY *SOUNDS* FINE. BREATHING IS NORMAL AGAIN...
BUDDY... YOU'VE BEEN HERE EVERY DAY FOR TWO *WEEKS.*
IT'S OKAY. I'M GONNA BE FINE.
IT'S... IT'S *NOT* OKAY.
THIS IS *MY* FAULT, FOGGY. IF I HADN'T POKED FISK...OR IF I HAD JUST TAKEN HIM DOWN *YEARS* AGO--
MATT...
...SHUT UP. JUST SHUT *UP.* MY *GOD,* DO YOU THINK YOU'RE SOMEHOW THE ONLY PERSON WITH *FREE WILL?*
I *CHOSE* TO STAND AGAINST FISK. I PUT *MYSELF* IN HARM'S WAY. I CAN BE A HERO TOO, DAMMIT.
BUT YOUR DAMN *CATHOLIC GUILT* JUST HAS TO MAKE IT ABOUT *YOU,* THE *BELEAGUERED HERO.* WELL...
...I *ABSOLVE YOU, MY SON.*
NOW PLEASE, JUST *DROP* IT.
I... FINE. I'M SORRY, FOGGY. I KNOW I CAN GET UP MY OWN--
WAIT.
SOMEONE'S COMING. SOMEONE...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MIKE?
WHOA! CAN'T A GUY--YOU KNOW--PRETENDING TO BE HIS BROTHER VISIT HIS BROTHER'S OLD FRIEND?
DON'T.
I KNOW YOU'RE LYING.
LOOK, MAYBE I WAS HOPING...
...I'D RUN INTO YOU. MY PARTNER, BUTCH, HE'S--HE'S BEEN ARRESTED.
I WANT TO HELP YOU TAKE FISK DOWN, MAN. FOR GOOD.
I'M WORRIED THAT WHEN BUTCH GETS OUT HE'E GONNA... I DON'T KNOW. HE'S CHANGED, MAN. I WANT TO--
NO. YOU'RE A GRIFTER! YOU ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, YOU ALWAYS WILL BE!
THIS IS SERIOUS! PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE IN DANGER!
YOU ONLY EVER LOOK OUT FOR YOURSELF, SO WHATEVER YOUR GAME IS, I'M NOT HAVING IT.
MAN, #$@% YOU. YOU DON'T KNOW ME.
YOU'RE AS SANCTIMONIOUS AS MATT.
UH, HEY...

...EVERYTHING OKAY?
KIRSTEN... I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO--
IT'S OKAY. HOW'S FOGGY?
HE'S GOOD. GOOD. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED. I JUST...
EVERYTHING'S SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL. MY FRIENDS ARE GETTING HURT, THE CITY IS...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO. HOW I CAN--
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO--
YOU'RE LIKE A DAMN WOUNDED PUPPY, AND I JUST NEED YOU TO KNOW IT'LL ALL BE OKAY--
BUT I NEED TO MAKE IT OKAY. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THAT WITHOUT--
THEY CALL IT "THE SECOND DEATH." IN THE BIBLE.
WHEN THE MURDERERS END UP PAST THIS WORLD, IN THE LAKE THAT BURNS WITH FIRE AND SULFUR.
BLOOD IS ON MY HANDS. THE SECOND DEATH IS WAITING FOR ME, KIRSTEN. AND NOW I'M WORRIED, KNOWING THAT...
...THAT I MAY AS WELL JUST KILL WILSON FISK.
EXIT

BRING ME THE CHILDREN.
WESLEY WILL GIVE YOU TRACKERS TO HONE IN ON THEIR PURPLE ENERGY SIGNATURES.
YEAH, OF COURSE, BUT...
...WHAT DID THESE KIDS DO?
I'VE GOT NO PROBLEM UPHOLDING THE LAW, MAYOR FISK. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.
YOU'LL DO AS I SAY, MR. WALKER.
OF COURSE, SIR...
YOU SHOULD JUST LET ME HANDLE THIS.
MARY, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS...
I'M NOT YOUR PORCELAIN DOLL NOW THAT WE'RE MARRIED, WILSON...
I WANT TO FIGHT. TO PROTECT YOU.
AND YOU WILL, MY DEAR.
WE'LL FIGHT TOGETHER. EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM.

FTZ
BDEEP
BDEEP
HM. I EXPECTED YOU TWO HOURS AND SEVENTEEN MINUTES AGO...
...CONSIDERING I DESIGNED THESE POWER-DAMPENING COLLARS FOR THE SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT...
...WITH FAIL-SAFES IN CASE WE--
REED...

...SHUT UP.
GLADLY. WHAT'S THE PLAN, MY LOVE?
THE LAW'S AN ASS.
TIME FOR A BREAKOUT.
YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
MAYBE?
OH #$@%...
...A BUNCH OF CELLS JUST O--
GK!
I'VE LOST MY QUIET TOUCH IN HERE.
IT'S OKAY, MOON KNIGHT...

...I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARPEN OUR SKILLS AGAIN.
TONY? YOU GOOD TO FIGHT?
STOP! HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM!
IT'D BE EASIER WITH ARMOR...
...BUT WHEN HAVE WE EVER DONE ANYTHING THE EASY WAY?

YOU'RE FREE TO GO.
HAPPY YOU CAME TO YOUR SENSES. I'M AN *INNOCENT BUSINESSMAN.*
OH, YOU'RE GUILTY AS #$@%, PHARRIS. BUT WE'RE *OVERLOADED* THANKS TO THE NEW *ANTI-CRIME DRONES,* PLUS...
...YOU'VE GOT FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.
#$@% OFF, MR. *MAYOR.*
BUTCH, *LISTEN* TO ME. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO--
PARKING
DOESN'T HAVE TO *WHAT?* *"BE THIS WAY"?*
LOOK, LET'S PUT IT ALL IN THE *OPEN,* OKAY?

I'M YOUR *SON!* YOU THINK I'M *MAD* AT YOU, LIKE A *CHILD,* FOR "ABANDONING" ME.
BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT ME! AND FOR *GOOD REASON!*
MY MOM *KNEW* WHO YOU WERE!
AND THAT IF YOU WERE A PART OF MY LIFE, THAT LIFE WOULD BE *REAL $%@#& SHORT.*
FINE. SAY I TAKE YOU AT YOUR *WORD.*
WHY ARE YOU SO *ANGRY?* ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS *HELP* YOU.
I'M NOT *ANGRY...*
...I'M *SICKENED.*
EVERYONE THINKS *YOU'RE* DOING THIS. THE *DRONES.* BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES HOW *WEAK* YOU REALLY ARE.
YOU'RE UNDER THE *FOOT* OF THAT *OCTOPUS* MAN.
I'M *ASHAMED* TO CALL YOU MY FATHER. TO BE CALLED "KINGPIN" AFTER YOU.
I CAN *MAKE YOU FALL IN LINE!* I CAN--
PTOO!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY, "DAD."

IRONHEART! I'VE GOT-- NH!
RAHH! FOR THE LAST TIME--
--I AIN'T HERE TO FIGHT YOU!
SURE THING, "OFFICER RHINO"!
NH!
I PREDICT WE HAVE 49 SECONDS UNTIL DRONES PASS THROUGH HERE--
LET'S SHUT HIM DOWN FAST THEN, CHAMPIONS!
HRF!
DAMMIT--

MAYBE SOONER.
I'M ON YER SIDE!
NF! THEN-- THEN WHY THE BADGE?! WHY--?
ZZZWRRR
--OH MAN, WE DO NOT NEED--
--THIS--
PAP
AHH!
PUT THEM ON! QUICK!

NRAHHH!
FZSSS
WHAT... WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
THE DRONES KNOW NOT TO ATTACK ANYONE WITH A BADGE. IT'S, LIKE, WI-FI OR WHATEVER...
I TOLD YOU I WASN'T HERE TO FIGHT.
SO WHY ARE YOU HERE?
LOOK, KID, YOU KNOW ME. I AIN'T A BAD GUY. THIS WAS A GOOD-PAYING, LAWFUL GIG...
...BUT THE MAYOR, HE... HE WANTED ME TO GO AFTER SOME KIDS. NOT YOU GUYS, OTHER KIDS. KIDS WHO HADN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
AND THAT AIN'T ME. I JUST WANTED TO TELL SOMEONE, ONE 'A YOU HERO TYPES...
WAIT. WHAT KIDS?

ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH...
...I KNOW HE MIGHT NOT BE THE *BRIGHTEST* BULB...
...BUT I BELIEVE RHINO. THIS ISN'T A TRAP. FISK IS GOING AFTER *THE PURPLE MAN'S* CHILDREN AND APPARENTLY THEY'RE *IN TOWN.*
KIDNAP KIDS? TO WHAT *END?*
POWER. RIGHT NOW HE'S ONLY ABLE TO SUBTLY MANIPULATE THE POPULATION.
IF HE GETS THE *CHILDREN...*
...HE *WINS* THE ELECTION. AND THE MINDS OF A *CITY.*
I'M *SICK* OF THIS! THESE *MEN* CONTROLLING US! MAKING US HIDE LIKE *RATS!*
AND NOW THEY'RE AFTER *CHILDREN?!*
WHERE ARE YOUR *TEAMMATES?*
LYING LOW IN *BROOKLYN.* WHY?
BECAUSE THEY'RE *DRAFTED.*
WE'RE GOING TO FIND THOSE *KIDS.* AND IF *FISK* OR *OTTO* OR *ANYONE* GETS IN MY WAY--

"--I'M GOING TO *END* THEM."
WILSON?
I'M SORRY ABOUT BUTCH. I REALLY AM.
BUT HE'LL COME AROUND EVENTUALLY...
YOU'LL WIN THE ELECTION. EVERYTHING WILL BE *FINE.*
IT'S NOT THAT, MY LOVE. IT'S...
...WHY CAN'T I STOP? WHY HOLD ON TO THESE THINGS THAT CAUSE ME NOTHING BUT *PAIN?*
MY *HATRED,* MY *POSITION.* I'M SO *CONSUMED* BY *POWER* AND *REVENGE,* BUT...
...I HAVE *YOU.*
I THINK ABOUT OUR *FIERY* BEGINNINGS AND HOW IT GAVE WAY TO SOMETHING MORE *POWERFUL,* MORE *BEAUTIFUL.*
I THINK BACK ON THE FIRST TIME WE MADE LOVE, AFTER *BATTLE,* AND NOW I FIND I NO LONGER NEED THE BATTLE TO FIND THAT LEVEL OF SATISFACTION...
OH, WILSON...
...I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T EVEN REALLY *REMEMBER* OUR FIRST TIME.
YEARS OF *TREATMENTS* AND *TRAUMA* HAVE ROBBED ME OF SO MUCH...
...BUT I STILL HOLD ONTO THE *FEELING.*
I WISH WE *BOTH* HAD THOSE MEMORIES. IT DOESN'T FEEL *FAIR.* I WISH...

...I WISH YOU COULD REMEMBER.
MY GOD... I--I--
MARY! I--I DIDN'T MEAN TO--THE CANE--
NO! DON'T BE--
I REMEMBER.
WHAT A GIFT.
THAT...THAT POWER. IT'S REMARKABLE! I HAD NO IDEA IT COULD DO THAT!
NEITHER DID I...
HONEY...?
I need air.
EXIT
Space.
The weight of years is crushing me.
The weight of that hate that I so desperately need to let go of...

REMEMBER.
...or be *consumed* by, like the *fire of a phoenix.* So I can...

MATT MURDOCK.
...be born again.

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It all rushes back to me.
Daredevil dug into my mind and stole so much.
The greatest violation I've ever known. He stole my victories. He stole my *memories*...
...all so he could deny the world the fact that he was sloppy, that he was...
...Matt Murdock.
Matt Murdock Matt Murdock Matt Murdock
SIR...?
I SAID THE ***THUNDERBOLTS*** HAVE LOCATED THE ***PURPLE CHILDREN,*** BUT THEY'RE IN A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.
Matt Murdock.
SHALL I GIVE THE GO-AHEAD?
DO IT.
CASUALTIES BE DAMNED.
I'm going to kill you.

I'M SORRY... ALL I HAVE IS CEREAL...
SO, WHAT'S OUR PLAN?
I DON'T KNOW. NORMALLY, WE COULD JUST USE OUR POWERS TO GET ACCESS TO OUR DAD...
...BUT THEY WON'T WORK ON THOSE FASCIST DRONES.
WE COULD TRY AND MAKE OUR WAY THROUGH THE SEWERS.
KNOK KNOK
I... THE DOOR. SHOULD I--?
NO! I'VE--I'VE GOT IT...
HEY, SPORT...
...GONNA NEED YOU KIDS TO COME WITH ME.
HOW ABOUT...

...YOU DON'T MOVE A *MUSCLE.*
HNN... F-FANCY POWERS AIN'T GONNA SAVE YOU, KID...
YOU KNOW WHAT...WHAT WOULD?
...RUBBER BOOTS...
FZSSS
HNHH!
FZSSSSHAA

TARGETS ACQUIRED. BRINGING THEM IN...
CONGRATS...
...NOW TRY THAT WITH *THESE* KIDS, BIG MAN.

CHAMPIONS! GRAB THE KIDS, GET THEM TO SAFETY...
...AND COME BACK!
HRRR-- CRIMINALSSSS!
GOT ONE!
THEY'RE KIDS, YOU CAPTAIN AMERICAN'T.
FISK IS GOING TO USE THEM TO CONTROL THE CITY!
IT'S U.S.AGENT, SWEETHEART. AND THESE KIDS ARE A DANGER TO THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.
WHILE THIS GUY'S DANGEROUS TO YOU.
AH, CRAP.

GREETINGS, LAWBREAKERS.
HNH!
KRWAAM
AREN'T YOU *ABOVE* ALL THIS, *ABOMINATION?*
YOUR CURRENT *MAYOR* HAS INFORMATION I *NEED*, LITTLE GIRL...
TAK
AH, #@$%--
GOT HER! HER POWER'S *GONE!*
ALL I HAVE TO *DO* IS *UPHOLD THE LAW...*
...BY WHATEVER MEANS *NECESSARY.*

TOOM
WE GOTTA GO!
NFF!
WE CAN'T LEAVE!
THAT'S ABOMINATION, JESS! WE'LL SAVE THE REST OF THE KIDS, BUT WE CAN'T DO IT...
"...IF WE'RE DEAD."

--POSSIBILITY OF A **RESTAURANT.** IT'S WHERE HE'S MOST LIKELY TO--
BUTCH? WHAT'S--?
MIKE.
JUST DOING SOME PLANNING.
WE'LL PICK THIS UP IN AN HOUR OR SO, GUYS.
WAIT... ARE YOU...?
...ARE YOU PLANNING TO ***HIT*** THE $#@% ***MAYOR?***
OUR REVENUES HAVE DROPPED EIGHTY PERCENT SINCE HE SENT THOSE DAMN COP DRONES OUT.
SO, YEAH. I GUESS SO.
YOU-- YOU--
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS, BUTCH!
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ***DIFFERENT!*** BLOODLESS!
I KNOW YOUR DAD ***PISSED*** YOU OFF, BUT--
THIS ISN'T ***PERSONAL,*** MIKE.
THERE'S TOO MUCH RIDING ON MY ACTIONS NOW THAT I'M THE ***KINGPIN.***
US KEEPING OUR HANDS CLEAN? THAT WAS A ***FAIRY TALE.***
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS? FINE.
WHAT IF I...WHAT IF I HAD A WAY TO SET THINGS RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I... #$@%, MAN...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO *SAY* THIS...
I'M NOT REAL.
I... IT'S A LONG STORY, BUT I HAVE...I HAVE A *STONE.* SOME KIND OF MAGIC--*
*SEE DAREDEVIL (VOL. 6) ANNUAL #1! --ED
WHAT THE #$@% ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
"NOT REAL"? A "MAGIC STONE"?
IT--IT'S CALLED THE *NORN STONE.* I HID IT IN MY BROTHER'S PLACE!
IT STILL HAS SOME *POWER* TO IT, AND I'VE BEEN SITTING ON IT, LIKE AN *INSURANCE* POLICY!
BUT IT'S *TRICKY.* WE'LL NEED, LIKE, A *MANUAL* OR SOMETHING. MAYBE I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE IT TO--
$#@%, MIKE! THIS IS THE EXACT #$@% I'M ANGRY AT MY *DAD* ABOUT!
ALL THIS *SUPER HERO* NONSENSE!
I'M NOT GONNA FLY AROUND WITH SOME *MAGIC STONE* WEARING A DAMN *COSTUME* OR WHATEVER!
YOU NEVER TOOK THIS SERIOUSLY. YOU NEVER TAKE *ANYTHING* SERIOUSLY!
I'M GONNA GO RUN A $#@% *BUSINESS.*
GO PLAY WITH YOUR STONES.
BUT, BUTCH, I--
I CAN SAVE YOU. I KNOW I CAN...

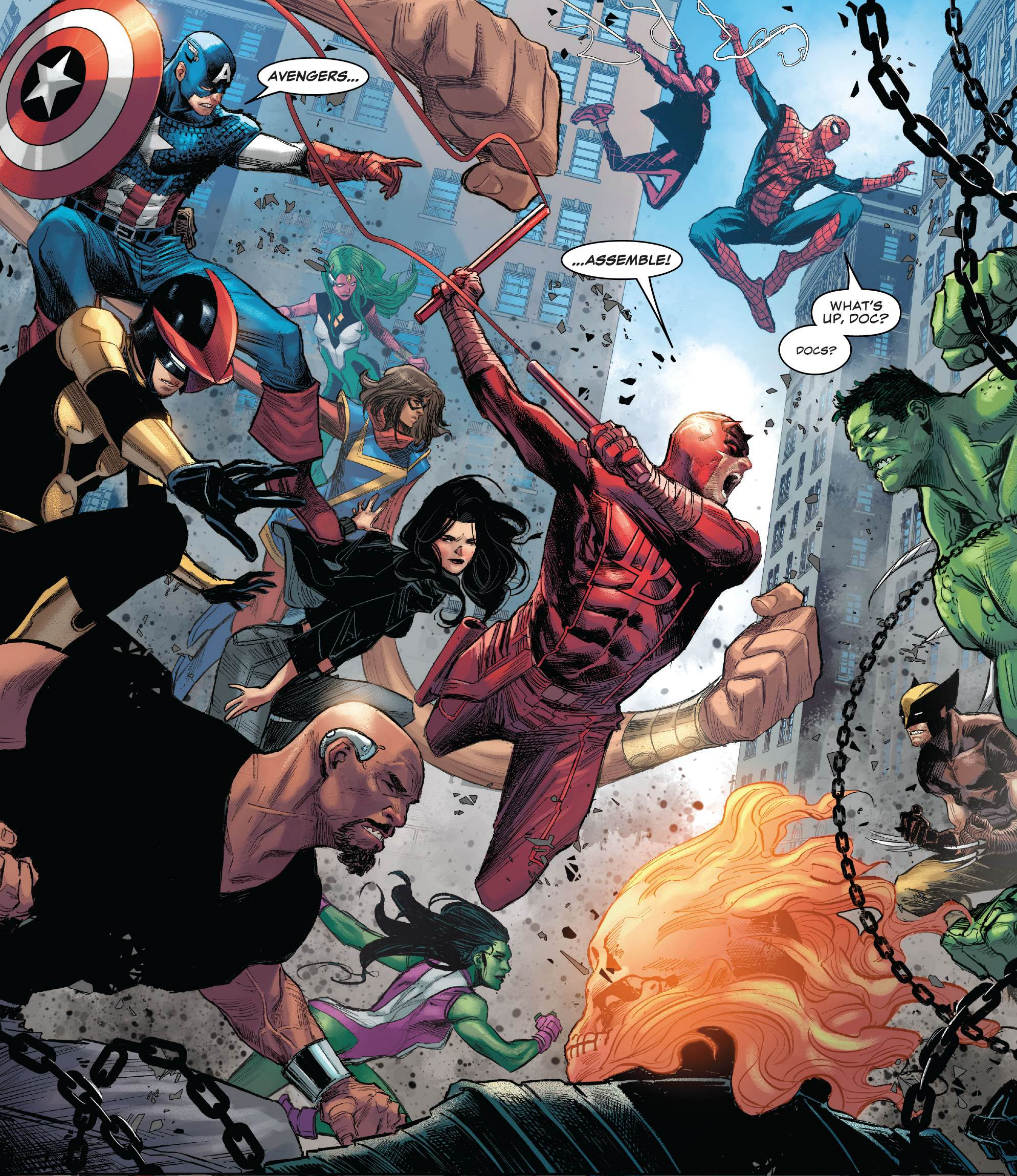
Matt Murdock.
IT'S DONE.
THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DRAINED OF THEIR POWER.
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO CONTROL THE VOTERS AND WIN YOU YOUR WORTHLESS ELECTION.
ZEBEDIAH IS SUPERCHARGED, AND I'VE OUTFITTED HIM WITH A CONTROL COLLAR SO HE DOESN'T GET OUT OF HAND.
I NO LONGER CARE ABOUT THE ELECTION...
OH, REALLY? THEN WHAT'S YOUR GRAND PLAN, WILSON?
EVEN WITH ZEBEDIAH IN YOUR CONTROL, YOU STILL CAN'T GET PAST MY NEURAL BLOCKERS.
YOU KNOW WHY THAT PERPETUAL JOKE SPIDER-MAN KEEPS DEFEATING YOU, OTTO?
YOU'RE SHORT-TERM. YOU CAN'T THINK BEYOND YOURSELF.
OR YOURSELVES.
ESCORT THE UNWANTED OTTO OUT, PLEASE.
I-- WHAT--?
OF COURSE.

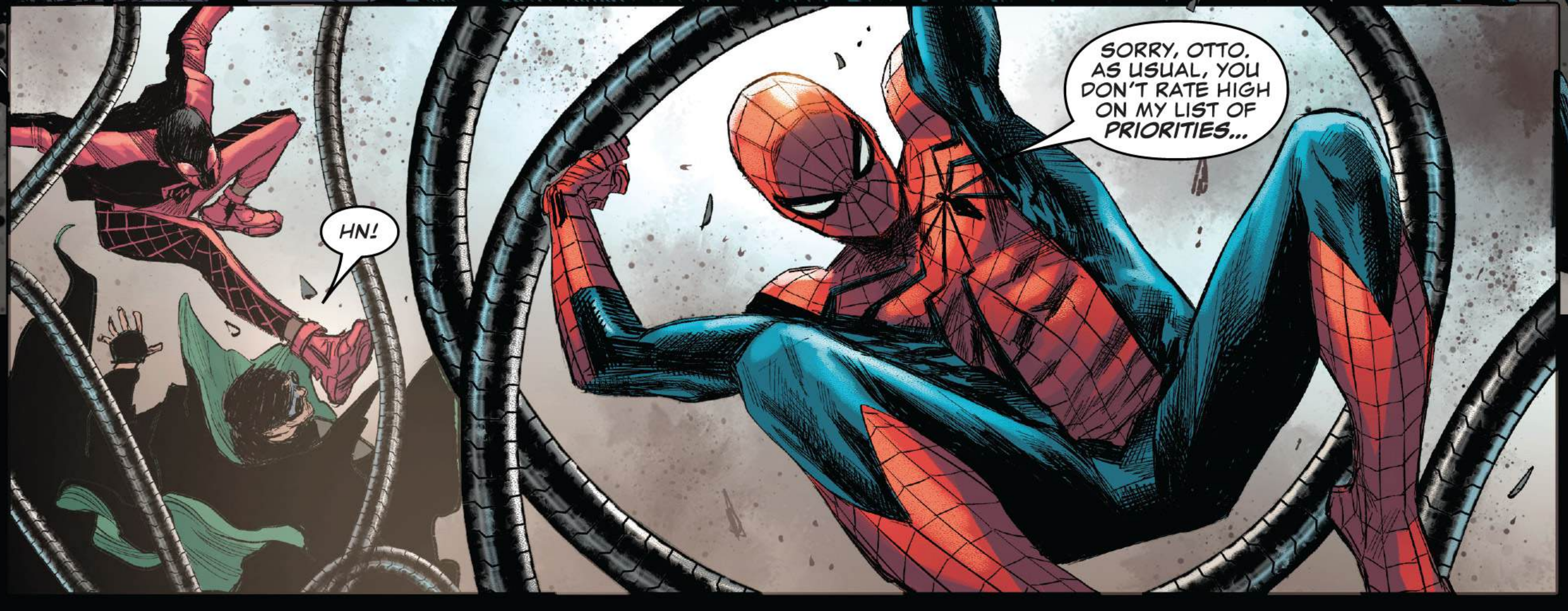
KRKRAH
NO!
WHAT ARE YOU--?
IT'S OVER, ZEBEDIAH.
I'M GOING TO GO **KILL** HIM NOW.
BUT I WANT HIM TO KNOW, I WANT ***EVERYONE*** TO KNOW...
...THAT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS HIS FAULT, FOR ALL HIS ***CRIMES.***
KILL THEM, KILLGRAVE. BURN THE CITY DOWN IF YOU HAVE TO.
KILL EVERY ***HERO*** THAT EVER DARED TRY TO ***STOP*** US FROM ACHIEVING OUR ***TRUE POTENTIAL.***
KILL THEM ALL.

WHERE IS SHE?!
WE'RE FINE! A COUPLE OF SCRAPES, THAT'S ALL!
IT'S OKAY, LUKE...
...IT'S MOSTLY MY *EGO* THAT'S BRUISED.
ABOMINATION IS ON THEIR SIDE NOW.
$#@%. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS OUT THERE.
HOW'S THE *KILLGRAVE* SOLUTION GOING?
I'M NO *TONY STARK*...
...BUT I THINK I'VE GOT THIS REPLICATOR WORKING.
YOU SAY THESE PURPLE MAN "NEURAL DISRUPTORS" CAME FROM *EMMA FROST?**
DO WE *TRUST* THEM TO WORK? I MEAN, THE X-MEN ARE A LITTLE--
THEY WORK. WE'VE USED THEM BEFORE.
STARK INDUSTRIES
*SEE JESSICA JONES: PURPLE DAUGHTER #2! --ED
HOW'D THE *CAMPAIGN STOP* GO?
HONESTLY, ROUGH. WE NEED TO GET RID OF FISK'S *PURPLE MAN* INFLUENCE IF I HAVE ANY SHOT OF BECOMING THE NEXT MAYOR.
YOU NEED TO *KILL HIM.*
WAIT. YOU'RE--
I'M ONE OF HIS KIDS.
AND I'M TELLING YOU, HE'S *EVIL*, AND THE ONLY WAY TO *STOP* HIM...
...IS TO *KILL* HIM.
I GET IT...

...I REALLY DO, JOSEPH.
BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO KILL HIM.
THAT'S WHAT SEPARATES US FROM THEM. WE HELP PEOPLE. WE SAVE LIVES.
TAKING A LIFE...IT'LL HAUNT YOU. IT'LL EAT YOUR SOUL.
WE'LL STOP YOUR FATHER. AND FISK.
Kirsten McDuffie...
...Kirsten Mc--
HEY. WHAT'S UP?
THERE'S AN UPRISING IN THE MYRMIDON! I DON'T HAVE MUCH INFO, BUT I CAN ONLY IMAGINE OUR SUPERS ARE INVOLVED!
WITH FOGGY LAID UP, I'M GOING TO GO ROPE MATT IN TO HELP WITH THE LEGAL FALLOUT.
I...DON'T THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.
I KNOW HE'S BEEN FLAKY LATELY, BUT HE HAS TO STEP UP.
WE ALL HAVE TO. IT'S GETTING BAD OUT HERE. DOWNTOWN HAS TURNED INTO SOME SORT OF RIOT.
WAIT, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

WHAT *HAPPENED?*
I-- I DON'T KNOW...
FISK! HE'S ***LOST*** IT! HE'S--
WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU--?
STAND *DOWN*, OCTAVIUS. YOU'RE NOT OUR *TARGET* HERE.


AVENGERS...
...ASSEMBLE!
WHAT'S UP, DOC?
DOCS?


SORRY, OTTO. AS USUAL, YOU DON'T RATE HIGH ON MY LIST OF *PRIORITIES*...
HN!

...UNLESS YOU'VE SEEN A CERTAIN **PURPLE MAN** AROUND?
WE'D LOVE TO **TALK** TO HIM.
OF COURSE. AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND...

...IT BEING A *GROUP* CONVERSATION.
WE'VE GOT A *PROBLEM*, LUKE!
OH GOD...
...HE'S GOT **EVERYONE.**

WHAT THE *HELL...?*
#@$%!
BUTCH! PICK *UP!*
DID YOU-- DID YOU JUST *TRASH* MY PLACE LOOKING FOR THE *STONE?*
PHEW.
I DON'T LIKE HOW THIS #@$%'S COME BETWEEN US...
...BUT YOU'RE MY *BEST FRIEND.* I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU MAKE A *HUGE MISTAKE.*
CALL ME BACK, MAN. OKAY?
ALL RIGHT... NOW TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO *USE* IT FOR THIS...
I BET THAT DR. STRANGE GUY HAS, LIKE, A *MANUAL* OR--
Matt Murdock.

HK!
YOU.
THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
NH!
HNNN...F-FISK? WH--I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S PLANNING... I SW--
NO MORE GAMES--
--DAREDEVIL!
WH...? N-NOT DAREDEVIL...
PRETENDING TO BE BLIND!
PRETENDING TO BE A HERO!
WHILE YOU VIOLATED ALL OF OUR MINDS!
I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS YEARS AGO!

KR-SHUNK
NO MORE!
YOU HEAR ME?!
NO!
MORE!
STOP!
Y-Y-YOU...
NO MORE.

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KEEP AT 'EM, **AVENGERS!**
I CAN'T HOLD ALL THESE PURPLE-POWERED PEOPLE BACK FOREVER!
-bDEEP--- Kirsten McDuffie.
NHH... **KIRSTEN...** A LITTLE BUSY--
HE'S **DEAD!**
FISK MURDERED MATT!

My brother. Fisk thought...
I JUST SAW HIM IN MATT'S APARTMENT, OH GOD--
Mike... no...this can't--
I'll kill him.
DAREDEVIL! ARE YOU THERE?!
RUN, KIRSTEN! GET TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE! TELL THEM WHAT YOU SAW!
I'll kill him.

DAMMIT, JOHN! THIS ISN'T YOU! NH!
HALF THESE GUYS ARE BEING CONTROLLED!
WHERE'D HORNHEAD RUN TO?!
MAN WITHOUT FEAR, MY BUTT!
IT'S NO USE! PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT!
WE NEED TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES--
--TO SHUT THE PURPLE MAN DOWN!

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE *HOME.* SOUNDS LIKE IT'S *WORLD WAR III* DOWN AT THE *LAB.*
LET'S *LOCKDOWN* AND--
WILSON!
WHAT THE #$@%?! ARE YOU--?
IT'S NOT *MY* BLOOD...
...IT'S *DAREDEVIL'S.*
IT'S OVER, *MARY.*
THE *WOLVES* ARE CLOSING IN.
DEET
WHAT ARE YOU--?
WE HAVE TO *GO.*
WE HAVE TO *FIGHT!* WE HAVE TO--
NO. WE DON'T NEED TO FIGHT. NOT ANY LONGER...
PARKING
...ALL WE NEED IS EACH OTHER. EVERYTHING ELSE IS JUST *NOISE.*
I WAS A FOOL. I DON'T *NEED* THIS. ALL I NEED...
...IS YOU...

KRRSSSSHH

SKREE
HRRRRR...
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, FISK!* DO YOU HEAR ME?!
*SEE DAREDEVIL: WOMAN WITHOUT FEAR #3! --ED
I'M GOING TO... YOU'RE...
ELEKTRA. DON'T. WHEN FISK DIES TODAY...

...I'LL BE THE LAST THING HE SEES.
YOU... NO...
WHY...
...WON'T...
...YOU...
...DIE?!
THE ONLY WAY I'M GOING IN THE GROUND...
...IS WITH MY HANDS AT YOUR THROAT, FISK!

HRRAHH!
DAMN YOU! YOU'RE AN OCTAVIUS, NOT A PUPPET OF FISK!
USE YOUR PERFECT MIND TO BREAK FREE, OTTO!
PERFECT MIND LIKE YOURS--
KR-KRSH
--AND YOU NEVER CONSIDERED INVENTING ARMOR?
NHHH...
HANG ON, GANG...

...THE CONVICT CAVALRY'S HERE!
NH! J-JUST IN TIME! A LITTLE HELP HERE?!

HNH! ON IT!
I'LL MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS HURT, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SHUT THIS DOWN!
NGH! TR-TRYING--
G-GET...
...OUT OF...MY...
...WAY!
WHERE'S MY FATHER?!
WHERE'S THE PURPLE MAN?!

RAH!
KRSH
He killed my brother.
He killed my Michael.
How can I let him *live?*
How can--?
HK!
Sloppy. My anger's making me--
I WAS *HAPPY!*
I WAS CONTENT!
IT'S LIKE A #@$@% *VIRUS!*

THOSE DAMN COSTUMES! INFECTING YOUR BRAIN TO RUIN LIVES!
JUST BURN!
MARY WITH HER PARLOR TRICKS.
DON'T YOU KNOW...
...I WAS FORGED IN FIRE.
AND YOU HAD TO RUIN EVERYTHING!
ATTACKING MY MIND! MY MEMORIES!
No...
...Michael... I'm sorry...
I WAS HAPPY!
TOOM

HAHA! THE ONE WHO GOT AWAY.
WHERE ARE THEY?!
YOUR PATHETIC BROTHERS AND SISTERS?
THEY'RE DEAD.
DEAD DEAD DEAD.
I HAVE THEIR POWER NOW, LITTLE JOSEPH...
...SO YOU CAN JUST DIE TOO.
NO!
ONE WAY
HNN!

THE PROBLEM WITH YOU, MARY...
KLANG
...IS THAT YOU RELY TOO MUCH ON WEAPONS.
I AM A WEAPON.
HNH!
KRAK
THEY CAN PUT ME IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR ALL I CARE!
IF IT'S FOR KILLING YOU, I'LL SMILE ALL THE WAY TO HELL!
You feel it.
HNNHH...
The energy. Your salvation.
The word of God.
...T-TOO LATE, WILSON... YOU CAN JUST...

...STEP BACK.
NO.
I WANT YOU TO SUFFER, WILSON. FOR ALL YOUR SINS. I WANT YOU...
...TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE LIVES YOU'VE DESTROYED.
I--I... OH GOD...
DONE.
YOU... YOU...
He's evil.

He has to die.
K-KID, THIS'LL SLOW HIM D-DOWN...
TAK
THROWING AWAY YOUR *LIFE PRESERVER?*
NHH...
He has to die.
He has to die, because...
HOW *BRAVE.* HOW *STUPID.*
MR. CAGE, KILL MY SON.
...we kill monsters.
We slay *Goliath.*

TAXI
I-- I'LL S-STOP YOU...
IT'S A SIMPLE ORDER.
KILL THE BOY.
HNNNN--
Michael.
HRRRRRRR--
YOU KILLED THEM!
I--I CAN'T... I CAN'T DO THIS B-BY MYSELF!
I'm sorry, Mike.
DAREDEVIL.

I WON'T STOP YOU.
GOD KNOWS I'VE KILLED MEN WHO DESERVED IT LESS.
BUT YOU'RE NOT AN *ASSASSIN.*
"YOU'RE NOT A *KILLER IN THE SHADOWS.*"
YOU'RE AN *IDIOT* WHO DECIDED TO WEAR **THIS.**
WHO DECIDED TO BE A #$@% **SYMBOL.**
THE PEOPLE ARE WATCHING.
WHAT KIND OF **SYMBOL** DO YOU WANT TO BE?
WHAT KIND OF **MAN** DO YOU WANT TO BE?
Y-YOU'RE NOT ALONE...
ST...ST...

...STOP!
OH GOD, ELEKTRA...
...H-HE KILLED...
I KNOW...
...I KNOW, MY LOVE.

FOUND THESE INHIBITING COLLARS IN THE THUNDERBOLT VANS.
HEY! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
HNN... TIME TO CUT LOOSE, I GUESS. I--
OH, YOU DEFINITELY--
--AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE, TASKMASTER.
NH!
KRTOK
LUKE!

OH MY GOD, ARE YOU--?
WE'RE... OKAY.
THIS LITTLE MAN WAS INCREDIBLY BRAVE.
SNIFF I--I JUST--
I... I...
JOE!
AND HE DESERVES A HAPPY ENDING.
OH MY GOD. THE HITS JUST KEEP COMING.
WILSON FISK WAS JUST ARRESTED. DAREDEVIL GOT HIM.
WOW...
...LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RUNNING UNOPPOSED, MR. MAYOR.

Ed Koch
Queensboro Bridge
LOWER RDWY
THIS IS A *BIG DEAL.*
ARRESTING A *SITTING MAYOR.*
HONESTLY, I'M HONORED TO BE A *PART* OF IT.
IS IT TRUE? YOU TRIED TO CONTROL EVERYONE IN THE CITY? JUST TO STAY MAYOR?
$#@%. IF YOU ASK ME...
...THAT'S JUST *SMALL THINKING.*
BUTCH.
HOLD TIGHT...
"...WE'RE ALMOST THERE."

WHAT IS--WHAT *IS* THIS?
OH, WILSON...
...QUITE A SPOT OF *TROUBLE* YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO.
JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T COME TO *QUINN* OR MYSELF FOR HELP.
LUCKILY, YOUR *SON* IS SMARTER THAN HIS DEAR OLD *DAD.*
WHAT IS SHE--?
THE *STROMWYNS* APPROACHED ME WITH A GREAT *DEAL.*
I CAN OPERATE WITH TOTAL *IMMUNITY* IN NEW YORK...
...AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS INCREASE CRIME RATES IN AREAS THEY WANT TO BUY UP.
SEE? IT'S GOOD TO KNOW YOUR PLACE IN THE *ORDER* OF THINGS.
YOUR SON CAN *THRIVE* UNDER US.
AND AS FOR *YOU...*
...YOU'RE STILL *FUN* FOR US, WILSON.
WE PUT YOU IN THE *MAYOR'S SEAT.* WE CAN CLEAR UP THESE PESKY CHARGES QUITE EASILY.
AND AFTER *THAT...*
ISK
FOR PRESIDENT
...WHAT DO YOU THINK?

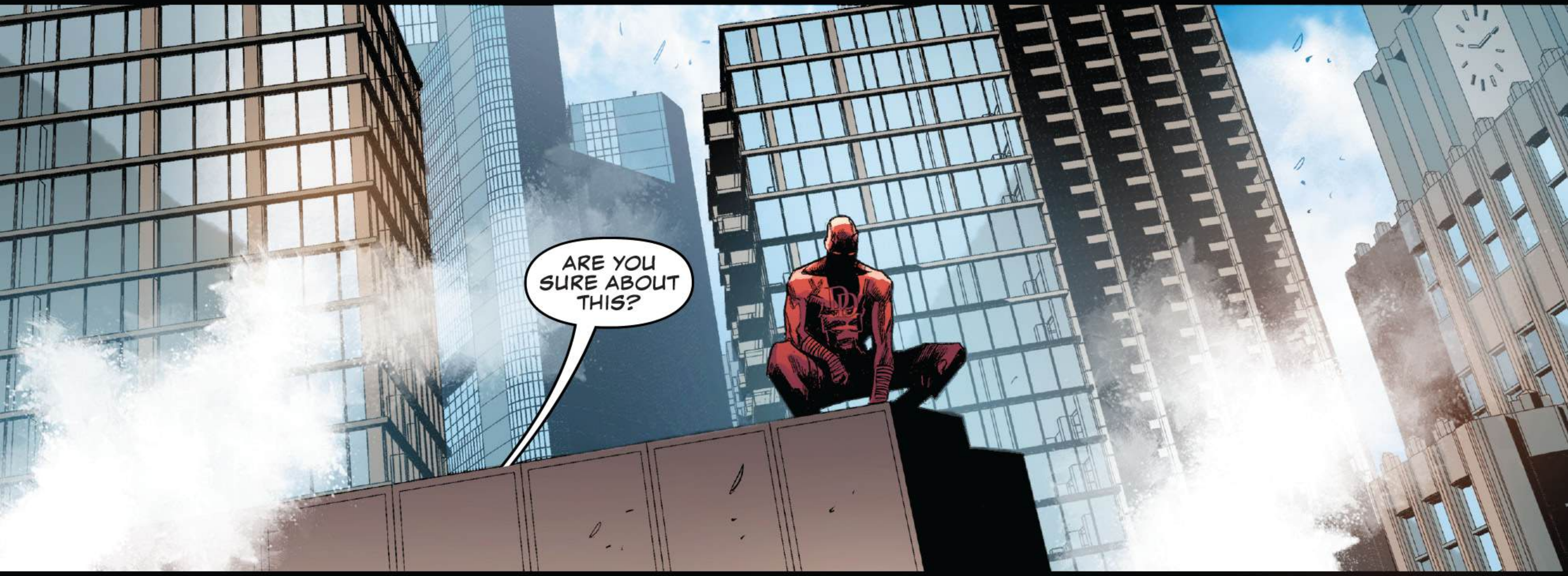
I DON'T...
YOU'D, OF COURSE, WORK FOR US. WE'D GUIDE YOU ON BORING POLICY STUFF.
BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE...
...THIS IS THE *DEAL.* YOU'LL BE PRESIDENT, WORK FOR UNA AND MYSELF...
...AND YOU'RE A *FREE MAN.*
WHILE NEITHER OF US ARE...FANS OF PEOPLE *TOUCHING* US, THIS FEELS TOO IMPORTANT, YES?
IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU PICK A *PRESIDENT.*
WHAT DO YOU SAY, WILSON? SHAKE ON IT?
My life has been *successes*...
...and *failures.*
I let down my wife *Vanessa,* my son *Richard,* and now...
...to be *president.* Running a *country.*
How could Butch not look up to me with respect *then?*
Running the greatest country in the world.
I've made *mistakes*...

CONGRATS, MR. PREEEAAAHHHH!
...I won't make another.
AHHHH!
AHH! HELP!
My son needs to know:
A *Fisk* bows to no man.
Do you *see,* boy?
Do you see that to live under the thumb of *one* is to live under the thumb of them *all?*
You don't make deals with the *Devil...*

...when you *are* the Devil.
WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?!*
YOU *KNOW* WHAT I'M DOING...
...'CAUSE *YOU'RE* DOING IT AS WELL.
YOU MAY CALL YOURSELF "BUTCH PHARRIS"...
...BUT YOU'RE A *FISK.*
YOU'RE A *FISK,* SON.
I WASN'T THERE FOR YOU. I CAN'T CHANGE THAT.
BUT I CAN BE THERE FOR YOU...
...NOW.
TELL THEM ALL. IN WHISPERS, THROUGH THE STREETS...
...YOU KILLED ME. I ATTACKED THE CITY, I MURDERED *MATT MURDOCK* AND YOU ROSE UP. YOU TOOK WHAT WAS YOURS:

THE CROWN.
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, THIS IS MY GIFT TO YOU, BOY. YOUR INHERITANCE:
"A STORY FOR A **KING.**
"A STORY TO MAKE A **KINGPIN.**"
...MATT MURDOCK?
NO. OH GOD... I SHOULDN'T HAVE...
I SHOULD HAVE **LISTENED** TO YOU...
...MIKE...
...MIKE, NO...

ONE WEEK LATER.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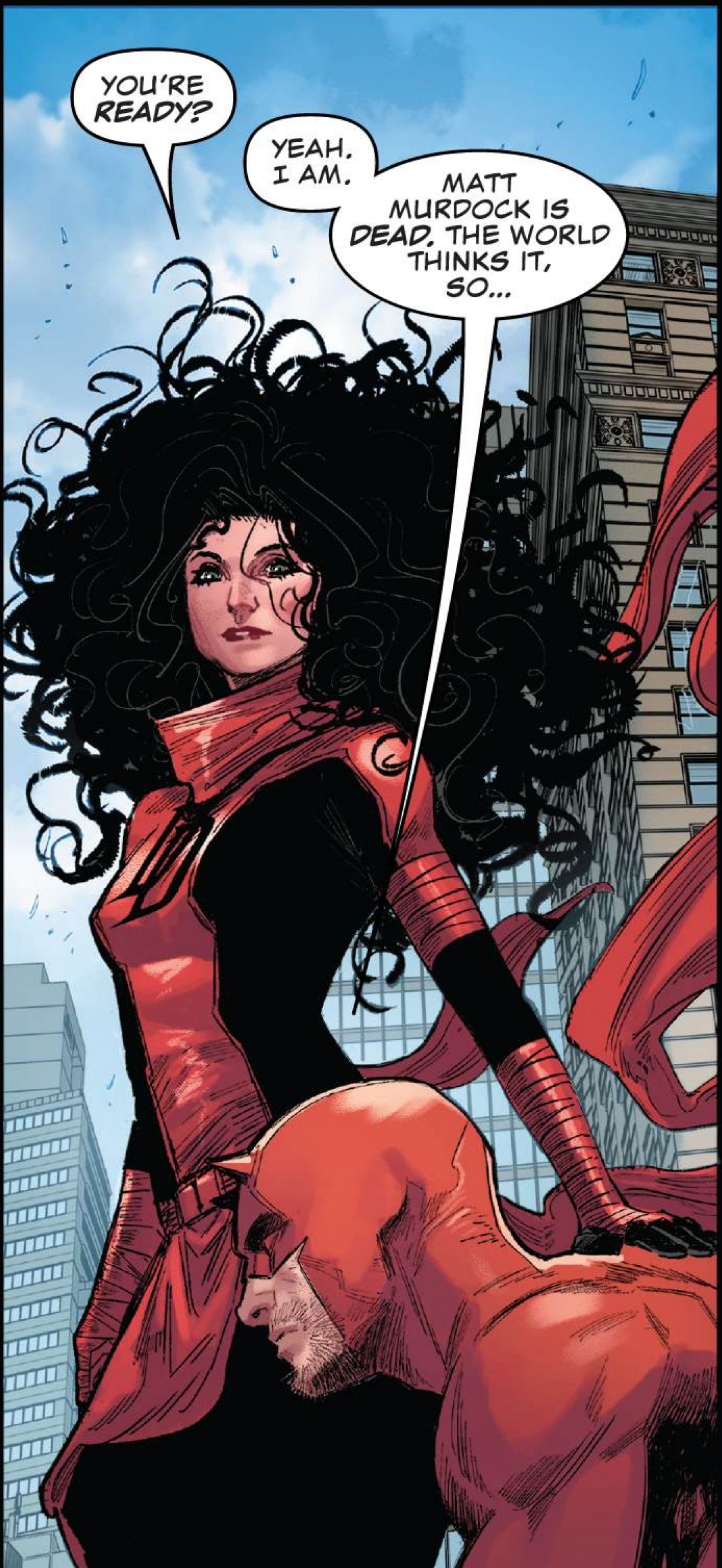
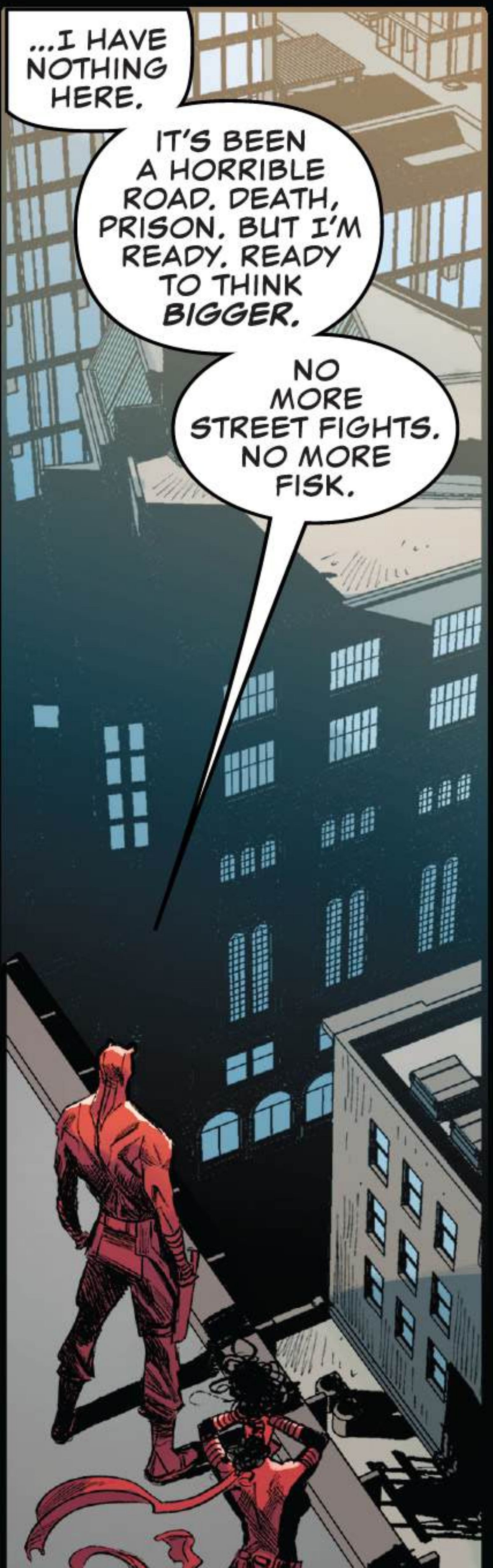
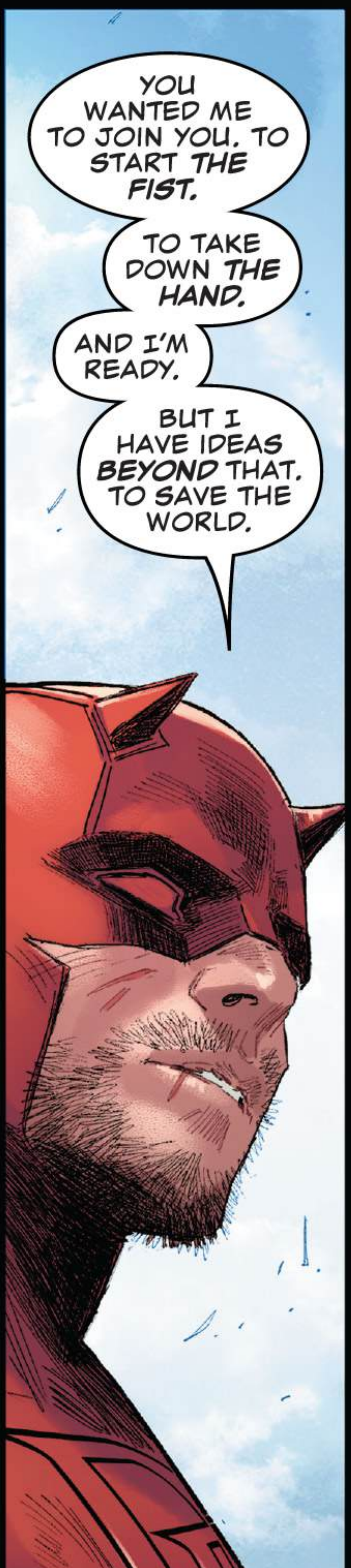
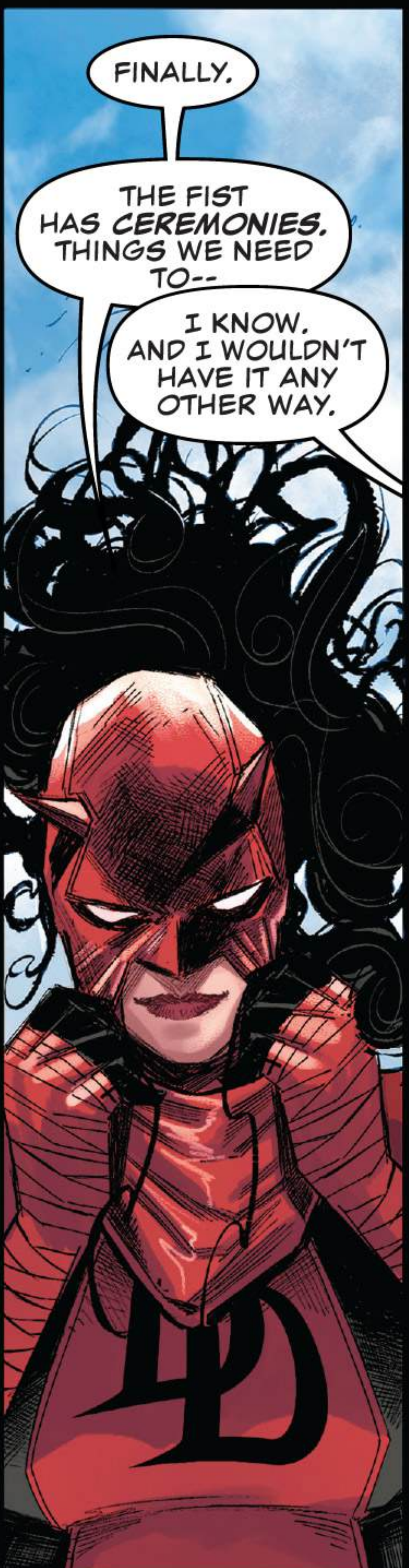

YOU'RE *READY?*
YEAH. I AM.
MATT MURDOCK IS *DEAD.* THE WORLD THINKS IT, SO...


...I HAVE NOTHING HERE.
IT'S BEEN A HORRIBLE ROAD. DEATH, PRISON. BUT I'M READY. READY TO THINK *BIGGER.*
NO MORE STREET FIGHTS. NO MORE FISK.


YOU WANTED ME TO JOIN YOU. TO START *THE FIST.*
TO TAKE DOWN *THE HAND.*
AND I'M READY.
BUT I HAVE IDEAS *BEYOND* THAT. TO SAVE THE WORLD.


FINALLY.
THE FIST HAS *CEREMONIES.* THINGS WE NEED TO--
I KNOW. AND I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.

LET'S GO SAVE THE WORLD.
SIR, I...

IT'S ALL *OUTFITTED* FOR YOUR TRIP.
I WISH YOU WOULDN'T--
WESLEY, YOU'VE BEEN *INVALUABLE.* THANK YOU.
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I HOPE WE CROSS PATHS AGAIN.
I DON'T *LIKE* THIS.
WE COULD *RULE* THE CITY FROM THE *SHADOWS,* REBUILD AN *EMPIRE--*
MARY, MY LOVE...
...TO WHAT *END?*
THE WORLD HAS GIVEN ME A MESSAGE: THEY'VE TAKEN *EVERYTHING* AWAY...
...AND IT MEANS NOTHING. BECAUSE I HAVE *YOU.*
#@$@% CHARMER.
WHERE *TO,* CAPTAIN?
THE WORLD'S ALL OURS, *CAPTAIN.*
"LET'S GO FIND OUR *HAPPINESS.*"
THE END.

OMEGA

WILSON FISK HAS *DISAPPEARED.*
FACIAL RECOGNITION PLACED HIM AND MARY DOCKING IN *LISBON,* AND THEN ONE MORE HIT IN *ZAGREB.*
BUT THAT'S IT. AND BASED ON THE TRAVEL PATTERN...
"FALL AND RISE"
...I SUSPECT HE'S IN *LATVERIA.* IT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY HE'S HIDDEN FROM OUR *MAGICIANS* AND *TELEPATHS* AS WELL.
VICTOR VON DOOM WOULD KNOW WAYS AROUND THAT SORT OF THING. I'M SORRY...
...THAT'S ALL I CAN *DO* FOR NOW, *DAREDEVIL.*
WE HAVE TO *FIND* HIM.
AFTER WHAT HE'S *DONE?*
WILSON FISK NEEDS TO FACE *JUSTICE,* REED.
I KNOW THIS IS *IMPORTANT* TO YOU. I'LL PICK IT UP AGAIN TOMORROW, BUT I'M SORRY... I HAVE TO GO--
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN *THIS?!*
THE MAN *ASSAULTED* THE *CITY!* HE--
I KNOW, BUT TODAY...
...IS *MATT MURDOCK'S FUNERAL.*

"MY HEART HURTS. HE'S GONE AND I FEEL IT IN MY CHEST, IN MY BONES.
"MATTHEW MURDOCK HAS DIED AND WE'RE ALL WORSE FOR HIM LEAVING, BUT WE'RE ALSO ALL BETTER FOR HAVING KNOWN HIM.
"IT'S HARD TO HOLD ONTO THE LATTER WHEN THE FORMER SITS IN US TODAY, SO HEAVY.
"HE WOULD SAY TO BE HAPPY, TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S IN THE WORLD BEYOND, FREED FROM PAIN AND SUFFERING."

MATT HAD HARDSHIPS AND TRAGEDIES, MORE THAN MOST, BUT HE WOULD SAY HIS *FAITH* SHOWED HIM A PATH THROUGH ALL OF THAT...
...TO BEING A SELFLESS MAN WHO HELPED OTHERS.
IF YOU ASK ME, I DON'T THINK HE EVER NEEDED HIS FAITH FOR THAT.
MATT MURDOCK WAS SIMPLY A GOOD MAN, A FIGHTER FOR OTHERS.
THE WORLD WAS DARKNESS FOR HIM, BUT HE ALWAYS SAW THE LIGHT IN EVERYONE.
GOODBYE, MATT. YOU ARE LOVED.
YOU CAN REST.
"IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL *EULOGY*..."

...I WAS SURPRISED YOU WEREN'T THE ONE DELIVERING IT, MR. NELSON.
THOUGHT MURDOCK WAS YOUR BEST FRIEND.
I... COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO.
AND I KNEW KIRSTEN WOULD DO THE BEST JOB.
THANKS FOR COMING, MR. JAMESON. I'M SURE--I'M SURE MATT WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED IT...
YEAH, WELL, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A SHORT STINT--AN UNELECTED ONE AT THAT--
--FORMER MAYORS HAVE A BOND.
BESIDES...
...I RECORDED THE WHOLE THING FOR MY PODCAST.
HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED? YOU JUST GO TO W-W-W-DOT--
MS. JONES, I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE MET. I'M BEN HOCHBERG, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. I'LL BE WORKING WITH YOUR HUSBAND.
SETTLING INTO GRACIE MANSION?
ENH. LUKE AND I ARE STAYING IN OUR APARTMENT IN HARLEM.
WHEN YOU ALREADY HAVE SUPER VILLAINS TRYING TO KILL YOU, LIVING IN A MANSION ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE MUCH.
HEH. I SUPPOSE NOT. I SEE YOU STILL HAVE THE MAYOR'S SECURITY THOUGH.
LUKE DIDN'T WANT THEM TO LOSE THEIR JOBS JUST BECAUSE HE'S BULLETPROOF.
HM. NOT SURE THE TAXPAYERS WILL LIKE THAT...

HEY...YOU WERE THERE FOR THE CLEANUP AFTER THE PURPLE MAN'S ATTACK, YEAH?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS KIDS? WE KNOW SOCIAL SERVICES CAME...
WELL, THE FOUR DEPOWERED ONES WERE KEPT TOGETHER. WITH A NICE FOSTER FAMILY IN QUEENS.
JOSEPH THOUGH... HE'S TRICKIER. HIS POWERS HAVE MADE IT HARD TO--
NOPE. ABSOLUTELY NOT.
MR. MAYOR. I'M JUST HERE TO PAY MY RESPECTS--
SURE. BUTCH PHARRIS, THE NEW KINGPIN OF CRIME, WANTS TO "PAY RESPECTS."
AND MAYBE SHOW HIS SUBORDINATES HOW TOUGH HE IS, WALKING THROUGH A SEA OF MOURNING "SUPER HEROES."
I'M SORRY, ARE YOU GOING TO ASSAULT ME? I SEE J. JONAH JAMESON HERE. HE'D LOVE THAT SCOOP.
LOOK, JUST GET IN YOUR CAR AND GO. THE MAYOR ISN'T GOING TO LET OPTICS STOP HIM FROM TURNING THIS INTO TWO FUNERALS.
MR. RAND HERE SPEAKS THE TRUTH.
I JUST WANTED TO... MY FATHER KILLED HIM.
IT WAS A HORRIBLE ACT FROM A HORRIBLE MAN, AND I JUST WANTED TO...
FORGET IT. I'M SORRY.
WAIT... "FATHER"?

YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?
IT'S WHY YOU *CAME.*
I DO.
THAT'S NOT *MATT MURDOCK* IN THAT *CASKET...*
...IT'S *MIKE.* HIS BROTHER.
MY *BEST FRIEND.*
I'M... WELL, #@$%. I'M SORRY.
MATT TOLD ME YOU AND MIKE WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
NONE OF THIS IS *RIGHT.* MIKE DESERVES A *FUNERAL,* NOT THIS *SHAM.*
PEOPLE MOURNING HIS *DO-GOODER* BROTHER WHO NEVER HAD A *MOMENT* FOR HIM.
TELL ME, *NELSON...*

...MIKE WAS PRETENDING TO BE MATT AS A FAVOR.
'CAUSE THE GOLDEN BOY WAS IN REHAB OUT OF TOWN.
SO WHY ISN'T HE HERE NOW? AND WHY CAN'T MY MEN FIND HIM?
THIS WHOLE THING STINKS. I'LL KEEP THIS QUIET, 'CAUSE IF MATT MURDOCK SET MIKE UP, I'M GOING TO FIND HIM...
...AND WHAT MY FATHER DID TO MIKE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE A SCRAPED KNEE COMPARED TO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO HIM.
HEY, HONEY...
...I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO MAKE IT TO THE BURIAL. I WANT TO GO CHECK SOMETHING OUT.
YEAH, I DON'T THINK I'M GOING EITHER.
ALL OF THIS FEELS WRONG...
...AND I WANT TO GO GET SOME ANSWERS.

ALL RIGHT, FUN'S *OVER...*
...WE *PLAYED ALONG* WITH YOUR *FAKE FUNERAL.*
SO TELL US, MATT: WHAT'S THE *POINT* OF THIS?
MATT MURDOCK IS DEAD. IT'S *BETTER* THIS WAY. FOR WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.
AND WHAT *EXACTLY* IS THAT?
YOUR *BROTHER* IS *DEAD,* MAN. IT ISN'T *FAIR* TO HIS *FRIENDS* TO NOT GET THE CHANCE TO *MOURN* HIM.
MY BROTHER...DIDN'T HAVE *FRIENDS.* HE HAD PEOPLE HE OWED *MONEY* TO.
I'LL MOURN HIM. I'LL *AVENGE* HIM ONE DAY, EVEN.
BUT FOR NOW, WE'RE... *ELEKTRA* AND I...
WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY *THE HAND.*
OH, FOR... *THE HAND?* SERIOUSLY?
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN *DOING,* MAN? IS IT *NINJA* TIME *AGAIN?*
THIS IS *SERIOUS...*

...THE HAND IS MAKING MOVES THAT WILL ENSURE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE WORLD.
YOU MAY BE CONTENT TO STOP CARJACKINGS OR DRUG DEALS, BUT THIS IS BIGGER THAN ANY OF THAT.
THIS IS ARMAGEDDON. WHAT THE BEAST CRAVES.
CAN YOU TALK SOME SENSE INTO THEM?
I GET IT. I REALLY DO. I ONLY RAN FOR MAYOR TO STOP FISK. BUT NOW THAT I'VE WON...
...IT'S A CHANCE TO THINK BIGGER. TO AFFECT SOME CHANGE IN THE CITY ON A WIDER SCALE.
BUT THIS WHOLE "MATT IS DEAD" NONSENSE...
...WE'RE JUST WORRIED.
YOU LOST YOUR BROTHER. ESCAPING INTO "DAREDEVIL" ISN'T THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THAT.
I...I KNOW YOU'RE JUST LOOKING OUT FOR ME, LUKE. I APPRECIATE IT. BUT YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME-- AFTER PRISON, AFTER FISK...
...MY MIND FEELS CLEARER THAN IT HAS IN A LONG TIME.
I HAVE A WAY FORWARD, TO HELP THE MOST PEOPLE, AND--
HN. BANK ROBBERY. TWO BLOCKS OVER.
I DON'T WANT TO CUT MY INTERVENTION SHORT, BUT, MR. MAYOR...
...ARE YOU TOO IMPORTANT NOW TO STOP SOME BAD GUYS?

CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS WORKING!
TOLD YOU! ALL THEM HEROES ARE OFF LICKING THEIR WOUNDS!
BANK
IT'S CLEAR SAILING... AH...
...#@$%!
BANG BANG
ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL! BRAZEN, EVEN FOR BANK ROBBERS!
PUT DOWN THE GUNS AND WE'LL GO EASY ON--
BANG
KILL THE-- HNH!
OKAY, THE HARD WAY, THEN.
WE CAN DO THIS! JUST--
MAN...

...YOU PICKED THE *WRONG* DAY FOR *THIS* NONSENSE.
TOK
HN!
SO WHICH ONE OF US GETS TO DRAG THESE GUYS TO A *STATION?*
I VOTE FOR THE *STRONG ONE* WHO RUNS THE CITY.
HN. LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T NEED TO DO *ANYTHING...*
...JUST *YET.*
THIS IS A *THUNDERBOLTS*-ONLY CRIME SCENE!
HANDS WHERE WE CAN *SEE THEM!*
NO.
I DON'T THINK SO.
OFFICER...
...WHAT'S YOUR ISSUE HERE?
WE JUST CAUGHT BANK ROBBERS.
HMPH...

..."MR. MAYOR." IF YOU'RE INVOLVED, I'LL LET THIS *SLIDE*...
...*THIS* TIME. DESPITE YOU BEING A *COP HATER.*
"THIS TIME"?
YOU AND YOUR $#%@ *FASCIST* COSTUMES AND *GUNS* ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN A *DUSTY WAREHOUSE* HUNDREDS OF MILES *AWAY!*
WELL, #@$%, THEY DIDN'T *TELL* YOU?
TAKES A LOT MORE THAN YOUR *WISHES* TO OVERTURN A *LAW.*
A LAW THAT THE PEOPLE *WANT.*
VIGILANTISM IN *NEW YORK* IS STILL *ILLEGAL.*
I DON'T *WORK* FOR *YOU.*
LET'S *GO,* BOYS...
...*SOMEONE* NEEDS TO PROTECT THIS CITY.
OKAY... THAT WAS #@$@.
SO WHAT'S THE *PLAN?*

WE...APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST, MS. JONES...
...BUT IF YOU WANTED AN OFFICIAL TOUR, I'M SURE THE MAYOR'S OFFICE COULD ARRANGE--
I DON'T WANT A TOUR. AND I'M NOT SOME "FIRST LADY" LOOKING FOR A $@#% CEREMONY.
MOMMY, I WANT TO GO HOME...
I KNOW, HONEY, SOON.
OF--OF COURSE. WE JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IF YOU'D LIKE--
JOE?
MOMMYYYY...
...I WANT TO GO.
FOR #@$& SAKE! YOU PUT A POWER COLLAR ON HIM?!
"FOR MY OWN GOOD."
HE--HE--HIS POWERS COULD HAVE BEEN DISRUPTIVE!
WE HAD NO--
KRSH

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! YOU NEVER EVEN LET ME--
THE--THE ORPHANAGE'S INSURANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN VOID AND--
GO FOR A WALK.
HEY!
WHAT?! SHE HAD ME IN A COLLAR! LIKE A DOG!
I KNOW, BUT--
--YOU JUST CAN'T.
TAKING PEOPLE'S AUTONOMY AWAY, IT'S... IT'S THE WORST THING YOU CAN DO. YOUR FATHER DID IT TO ME AND IT ALMOST DESTROYED MY LIFE.
YOU'VE GOT POWER, JOE. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE SCARED OF YOU.
DON'T FEED INTO THAT. DON'T TAKE AWAY PEOPLE'S FREEDOM.
WHY NOT?
THEY TOOK AWAY MINE.
HI.
...HI.
YEAH...
I DON'T LIKE IT HERE.
...NEITHER DO I.

COME ON, HARRIS. YOU'RE MY BIG LEGAL BRAIN. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO?
I'M SORRY, MR. MAYOR--
I TOLD YOU, IT'S LUKE.
LUKE. WE CAN DRAFT UP A REPEAL, BUT IT HAS TO GO THROUGH CITY COUNCIL. WHICH MEANS...
...THE COUNCILLORS HAVE TO BE CONVINCED THEIR VOTERS WON'T TURN ON THEM.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY, MR. MAY-- LUKE.
SIGH OKAY.
THANKS FOR THIS. I'LL SEE YOU IN THE OFFICE TOMORROW.
"NOT GOING TO BE EASY."
STORY OF MY #@$% LIFE.
HONEY? WE'RE, UH, HOME!
THANK GOD. I'VE HAD THE WEIRDEST... AFTERNOON...
UH, YEAH...
...SAME.
"I'M SORRY..."

...BEFORE WE LOWER IT...CAN I HAVE ONE MORE MOMENT WITH HIM?
OF COURSE, LOVE. WE'LL BE NEARBY.
I HOPE I DID OKAY, MATT.
YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE TO SUM UP IN A SINGLE SPEECH.
I WANTED TO *LEAVE* YOU WITH SOMETHING...
WHEN FISK... WHEN HE DID WHAT HE *DID*, YOU HAD *THIS* ON YOU.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS *IMPORTANT* TO YOU. MAYBE YOU EVEN *DIED* FOR IT.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL. THERE'S A SHIMMER TO IT, LIKE IT'S ALIVE.
I WISH YOU COULD HAVE *SEEN* IT INSTEAD OF JUST *FEEL* IT.
MAYBE YOU *CAN* NOW.
I'M NOT... I'VE NEVER BEEN REALLY *RELIGIOUS.*
BUT MY GOD, MY HEART IS SCREAMING TO ME RIGHT NOW, MATT.
ALL I HEAR IS ITS *VOICE*, SAYING, "YOU'LL SEE HIM AGAIN."
AND THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING I'VE HELD ONTO FOR SO LONG.
"WOULDN'T THAT JUST BE *AMAZING?*
"WOULDN'T THAT JUST BE A *MIRACLE?"*

HEY, RAMBEAU.
MR. MAYOR. WHAT AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE.
CLEANING HOUSE
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D HAVE TIME FOR US LITTLE PEOPLE NOW THAT YOU'RE *GREENGROCER* OF THE *BIG APPLE*.
GOTTA LOVE ALL THAT *PAPERWORK*.
YEAH, YEAH. I DIDN'T WANT THE JOB, BUT *SOMEBODY* HAD TO BEAT WILSON FISK AT THE BALLOT BOX AND SET THINGS *STRAIGHT*.
DON'T EVEN START. IT'S *AWFUL*.
ANYWAY, I'M TRYIN' TO FIX THINGS AND IT WOULD BE REAL NICE TO HAVE *YOU* IN THE MIX.
OH? HOW SO?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE *THUNDERBOLTS?*
THEY'RE WILSON FISK'S *ASSASSINS* AND *SUPER-CRONIES.*
SEE?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
THE *ORIGINAL* THUNDERBOLTS WERE BARON ZEMO'S *MASTERS OF EVIL* IN *DISGUISE*, BUILDIN' TRUST BEFORE THEY SPRUNG THEIR BIG TRAP.
AFTER THAT, THOUGH, A BUNCH OF 'EM REALIZED THEY ACTUALLY *LIKED* BEIN' HEROES.
HAWKEYE TRIED TO STEER 'EM TOWARD REDEMPTION. A WHILE LATER, *I* TRIED TO DO THE SAME.

NOW KINGPIN'S SPRAYED HIS *STINK* ALL OVER THE TEAM.
UNDER HIS *"LEADERSHIP,"* THE THUNDERBOLTS BECAME A COMPLETELY *CROOKED OPERATION*, KILLIN' AND STEALIN' WHILE WIELDIN' THEIR BADGE LIKE A WEAPON.
THE *POINT* IS--
CRASH
--IT AIN'T RIGHT.

ALL THIS *CORRUPTION* HAS GOTTA GET TORN OUT BY THE *ROOTS.*
THOOM
WELL, LOOKIE *HERE!*
LUKE CAGE IS *BREAKING AND ENTERING!*
I GUESS WE BETTER *ENFORCE THE LAW!*
RATATATATAT
VIP
VIP
VIP
VIP
VIP
VIP
SET WEAPONS TO *HIGH YIELD* AND BRING HIM DOWN!
VWEEE--
VOOOSH
HOW ABOUT *NOT?*

ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER IS A SERIOUS CRIME, MR. MAYOR.
THAT'S FINE. I'M SURE THE COURT WILL SEE THINGS MY WAY ONCE YOUR PERFORMANCE IS IN THE PUBLIC RECORD, CROSSBONES.
ACCEPTING BRIBES, SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT AND DISCRIMINATION...
...ABUSE OF POLICE PROCEDURE, PUBLIC MISCONDUCT...
KROOM
...RACKETEERING.
MY NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS GONNA BE DAMN BUSY, BUT IT'LL BE WORTH IT WHEN ALL YOU CHUMPS GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO YOU.
CRUSH
G'RAAH!

USE THE **ENERGY MATRIX** TO CATCH SPECTRUM BEFORE SHE--
BEFORE
I
DO
THIS?
OKAY, I GET IT.
YOU'RE VENTING YOUR **FRUSTRATIONS** AND SHUTTING DOWN FISK'S ARMY OF **CROOKS.**
YEAH, BUT THAT'S JUST THE **START.**

I DON'T WANT FISK TO HAVE THE **LAST WORD** ON THE **THUNDERBOLTS.**
THEIR **LEGACY** DESERVES SOMETHING **BETTER.**
GREAT JOB, MR. MAYOR!
WHAT TH--?!
HELLO, **MS. RAMBEAU.**
I'M **HELEN ASTRANTIA**, A **PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST** AND ALSO, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME SAYING, A **BIG FAN** OF YOUR WORK.
HELEN ASTRANTIA
PUBLIC RELATIONS
TURN JUST A BIT TO THE **LEFT**, SIR. BETTER COMPOSITION.
WHILE THE **LEGAL ISSUES** OF WILSON FISK'S TENURE AS MAYOR WORK THEMSELVES OUT, I'VE BEEN TASKED WITH **REFRAMING** THE **THUNDERBOLTS BRAND.**
IT'S NOT A **"BRAND,"** HONEY, IT'S A **SUPER HERO TEAM.**
HONESTLY? IT'S **BOTH.**
MARKETING AND **COMMUNICATION** ARE **CRUCIAL** TO ANY SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.
MAYOR CAGE NEEDS TO SHOW HE'S MAKING **POSITIVE CHANGE** AND THE CITY NEEDS A **TASK FORCE** TO HANDLE EXTRAORDINARY CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.
LEGALLY, THE THUNDERBOLTS ARE ALREADY AN **AUTHORIZED ARM OF THE LAW.** WE INTEND FOR THAT TO CONTINUE, ONLY UNDER FAR **BETTER LEADERSHIP.**
YOUR LEADERSHIP, IN FACT.

THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME, RAMBEAU.
I CAN'T LEAD A TEAM AND RUN THE CITY AT THE SAME TIME, SO YOU'RE MY NUMBER ONE PICK TO HEAD UP THE NEW THUNDERBOLTS.
FWASH
FWASH
FWASH
YOU'LL BE AT THE FOREFRONT, LEADING THE CHARGE, A LITERAL LIGHTNING BOLT FOR "JUSTICE, LIKE LIGHTNING"!
LUKE, I...
...I APPRECIATE THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE...
...I JUST...
NO.
I CAN'T DO THAT "SMILE AND WAVE" %$@#. I DON'T HAVE IT IN ME ANYMORE.
YOU KNOW THE MEDIA IS RELENTLESS NOWADAYS. I ALREADY SEE HOW THIS ALL GOES DOWN. THEY'LL POKE AND JAB, AND WHEN I DON'T PLAY NICE, THEY'LL FALL BACK ON TIRED "ANGRY BLACK LADY" RHETORIC.
SORRY, CAGE. I CAN'T FRONT THIS THUNDER CIRCUS YOU'RE WHIPPING UP.
GOOD LUCK, BUT I'M OUT.
-SIGH-
#$@%. WE CAME ON TOO STRONG.
I'LL FOLLOW UP TO SEE IF SHE CHANGES HER MIND BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE NEED TO TRY SOMEONE ELSE.
SAM WILSON, DANE WHITMAN, BARBARA MORSE AND JANET VAN DYNE ARE ALL NO GOES...
...WHAT ABOUT CLINT BARTON?
TO BE CONTINUED IN
THUNDERBOLTS!

MAYOR FOR HIRE

GOOD MORNING. THIS IS *HELENA HELLONS* FOR *WHRO*, HERE IN MANHATTAN AT CITY HALL, WHERE IN MOMENTS, NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR *LUKE CAGE* WILL BE GIVING HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE.
CAGE FOR MAYOR
FISK FOR MAYOR
CAGE FOR MAYOR
FISK
WHRO
"THE NEW MAYOR CERTAINLY HAS HIS HANDS FULL, AS THE CURRENT STATE OF THE CITY CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS *CHAOTIC*. MANY ARGUE THAT MUCH OF THIS DISCOURSE IS DUE TO OUTGOING MAYOR *WILSON FISK*.
"MAYOR FISK WAS INDEED A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE DURING HIS TENURE AT CITY HALL, BUT THAT SAID, HIS SIZABLE AND VOCAL BASE REMAINS IN HIS CORNER.
"HOWEVER, WITH FISK MISSING AND RUMBLINGS FROM THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD SUGGESTING THAT HE IS DECEASED, IT'S SAFE TO SAY THEY ARE A BASE WITHOUT A LEADER.
"THE LARGER ISSUE PLAGUING THE CITY IS THE TREMENDOUS *SPIKE IN CRIME*.
"VIOLENT CRIME IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, WITH NO END IN SIGHT...

"...AFTER COSTUMED VIGILANTES WAGED WAR IN THE STREETS OF OUR GOOD CITY, CAUSING MASSIVE DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY AND A NUMBER OF CIVILIAN INJURIES.
"WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE ANTI-VIGILANTE *POWERS ACT* MAYOR FISK IMPLEMENTED AS A DETERRENT TO SUCH DESTRUCTION.
"MANY CITIZENS WHO WANT CRIME HELD IN CHECK ARE LEFT WONDERING IF IT'S *CRIMINALS* CAUSING THE MOST HARM, OR THE VIGILANTES WHO DESTROY PROPERTY IN THE NAME OF *JUSTICE.*
"THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND ITS FIVE BOROUGHS ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF LEADERSHIP THAT WILL BRING UNITY AND CALM TO A DIVIDED CITY.
"PROPONENTS OF THE LAW BELIEVE THAT THE NYPD IS MORE THAN EQUIPPED TO HANDLE CRIME IN THE CITY, BOTH OF THE CONVENTIONAL AS WELL AS UNCONVENTIONAL SORT.
"THIS SAME CONTINGENT WONDERS IF MAYOR CAGE, A FORMER VIGILANTE CRIMEFIGHTER CALLED *POWER MAN,* CAN BE OBJECTIVE IN REGARD TO THIS SUBJECT."
W
THAT SAID, MANY ARE HOPING THAT MAYOR LUKE CAGE IS THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB.

LUKE CAGE, MAYOR OF NEW YORK.
IF SOMEBODY HAD TOLD ME WHEN I WAS A KID RUNNING AROUND THE STREETS OF HARLEM THAT I'D BE MAYOR ONE DAY, I'D HAVE TOLD THEM THEY WERE OUT OF THEIR MIND.
THE WORLD WAS SO SIMPLE BACK THEN... SOMETHING POPPED OFF...
...THE COMMUNITY GOT IT IN CHECK. WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM THAT TIME.
FOR SOME REASON, I ALWAYS FELT LIKE THE WORLD OUTSIDE MY BUBBLE WOULD ONE DAY COME CALLING...
AND OH, WAS I RIGHT.

MY TIME WITH *THE RIVALS* FELT LIKE A BIG DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY...BUT FAMILY NONETHELESS.
LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT *REAL* DYSFUNCTION WAS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
BOOT CAMP FOR ME WAS THROWING HANDS WITH THE CATS THAT WERE PREYING ON HARLEM'S PAIN...
...WHAT STARTED IN HARLEM, SPREAD OUT TO THE WORLD...
I FOUND A PARTNER AND FRIEND IN DANNY RAND, A.K.A. *IRON FIST.*
AND A FEW MORE WITH *THE DEFENDERS...*
...AND I FOUND *LOVE.*

BUT THIS HERE IS DIFFERENT. AIN'T JUMPING OFF BUILDINGS AND CRACKING HEADS. I'M PART OF THE *SYSTEM* NOW.
FIVE MINUTES, MAYOR CAGE.
I'M READY.
NOW, JUST WANT TO PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT'S COMING, MR. MAYOR. HALF OF THE PRESS ARE FANS OF FORMER MAYOR FISK. THE OTHER HALF IS WILLING TO GIVE YOU A SHOT, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PROVE YOUR WORTH.
BEEN DOING THAT ALL MY LIFE.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU MAYOR LUKE CAGE!
PRESS
PRESS
PRESS
PRESS
PRESS

GOOD MORNING... PLEASE BE SEATED.
BEFORE WE GET TO THE QUESTIONS, I WANTED TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM.
PRESS
I KNOW MANY OF YOU DOUBT MY ABILITY TO GOVERN THIS CITY.
SOME MAY POINT TO MY CHECKERED HISTORY AS A TEEN DELINQUENT. OTHERS MAY LOOK TO MY WORK AS WHAT MANY IN THE MEDIA REFER TO AS A VIGILANTE.
WHICHEVER SIDE YOU FALL ON, I SAY THIS...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU THINK.
I'M GOING TO WORK MY ASS OFF, AND ALONGSIDE THE CITIZENS AND LAWMAKERS OF NEW YORK, FIX THIS CITY THAT I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART.
I WILL BE FAIR. I WILL BE OBJECTIVE. BUT RIGHT NOW, MY FOCUS IS RESTORING ORDER AND BRINGING SAFETY TO OUR STREETS. FOLKS ARE AFRAID, AND I'M GOING TO EASE THOSE FEARS WITH ACTION.
THAT SAID...
...ANY QUESTIONS?

THAT WENT BETTER THAN EXPECTED.
BUT WHO AM I FOOLING? THIS CITY IS UNDER SIEGE.
AND IT'S POLARIZED POLITICALLY. NO WAY I CAN FIX THINGS SOLELY FROM THE INSIDE.
THE CITY IS BUILDING A NEW FUTURE--AND THE NEW THUNDERBOLTS ARE A GOOD START. THEY CAN WORK *INSIDE THE SYSTEM.*
BUT FISK'S ROT RUNS *DEEP.* I'LL NEED FOLKS COMMITTED TO KEEPING US HONEST. WORKING FROM THE OUTSIDE AS WE TURN THE CITY AROUND...
WEE-OOO
...AND FINALLY SET THINGS *RIGHT.*
TO BE CONTINUED!

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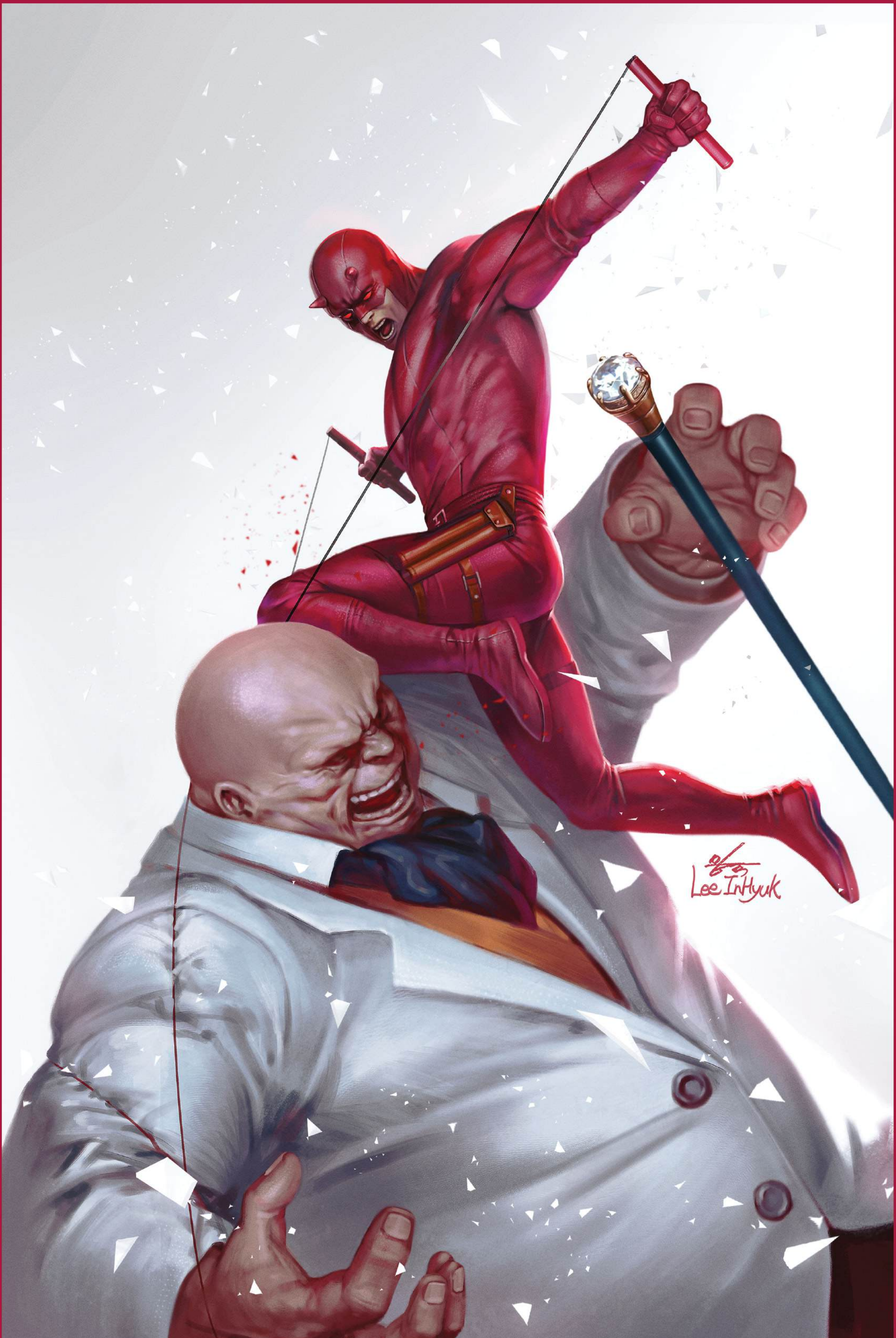

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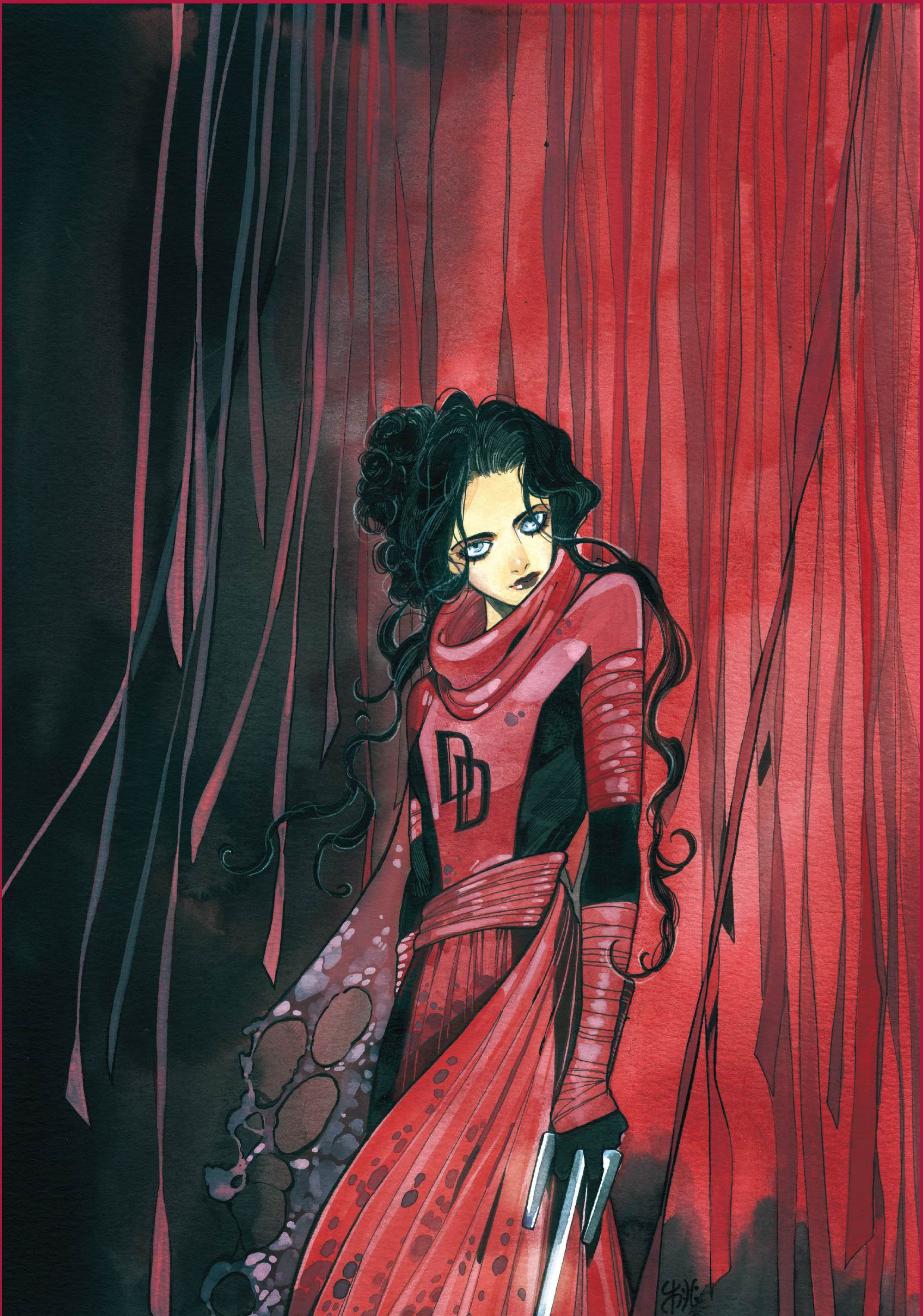

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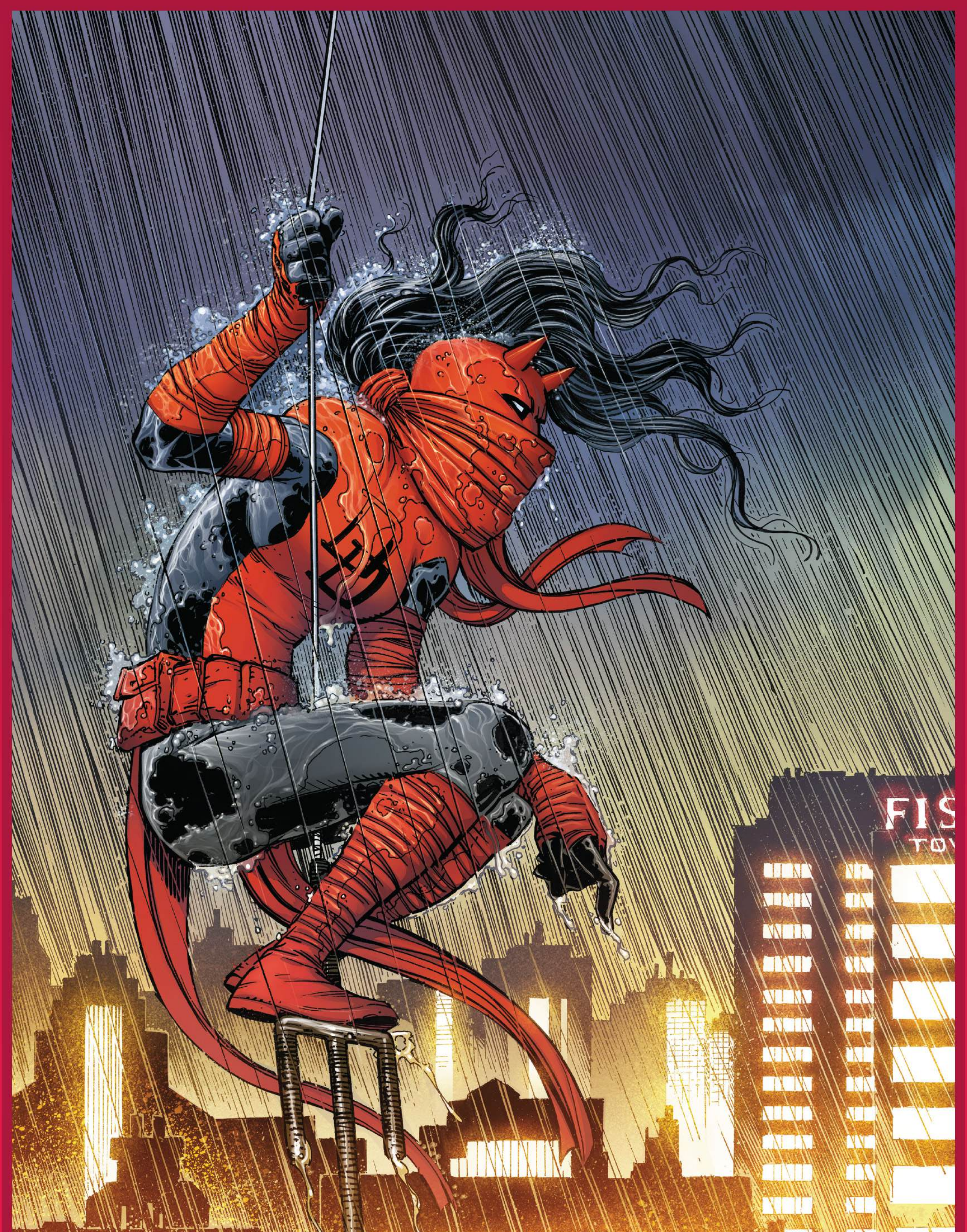

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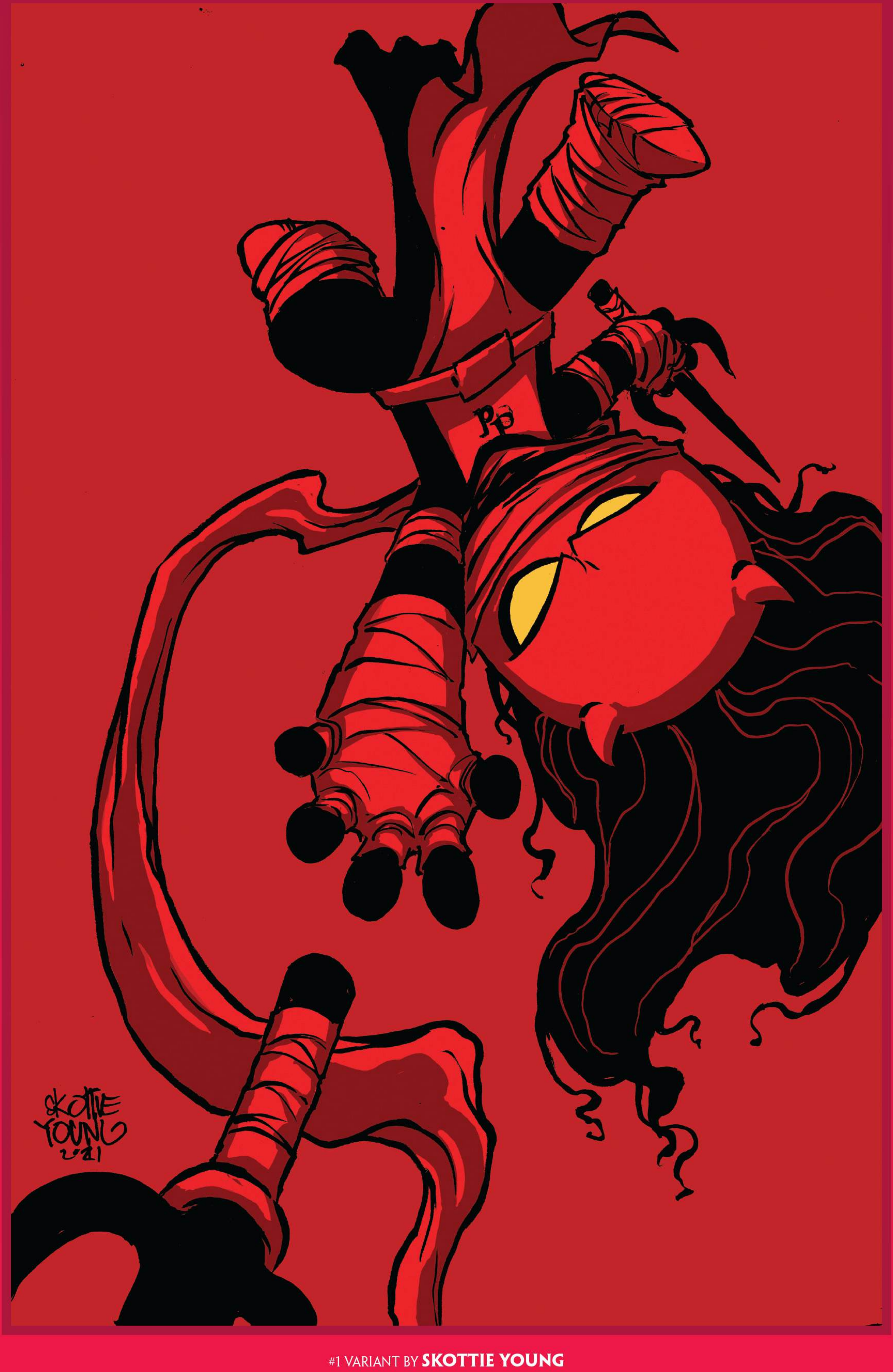
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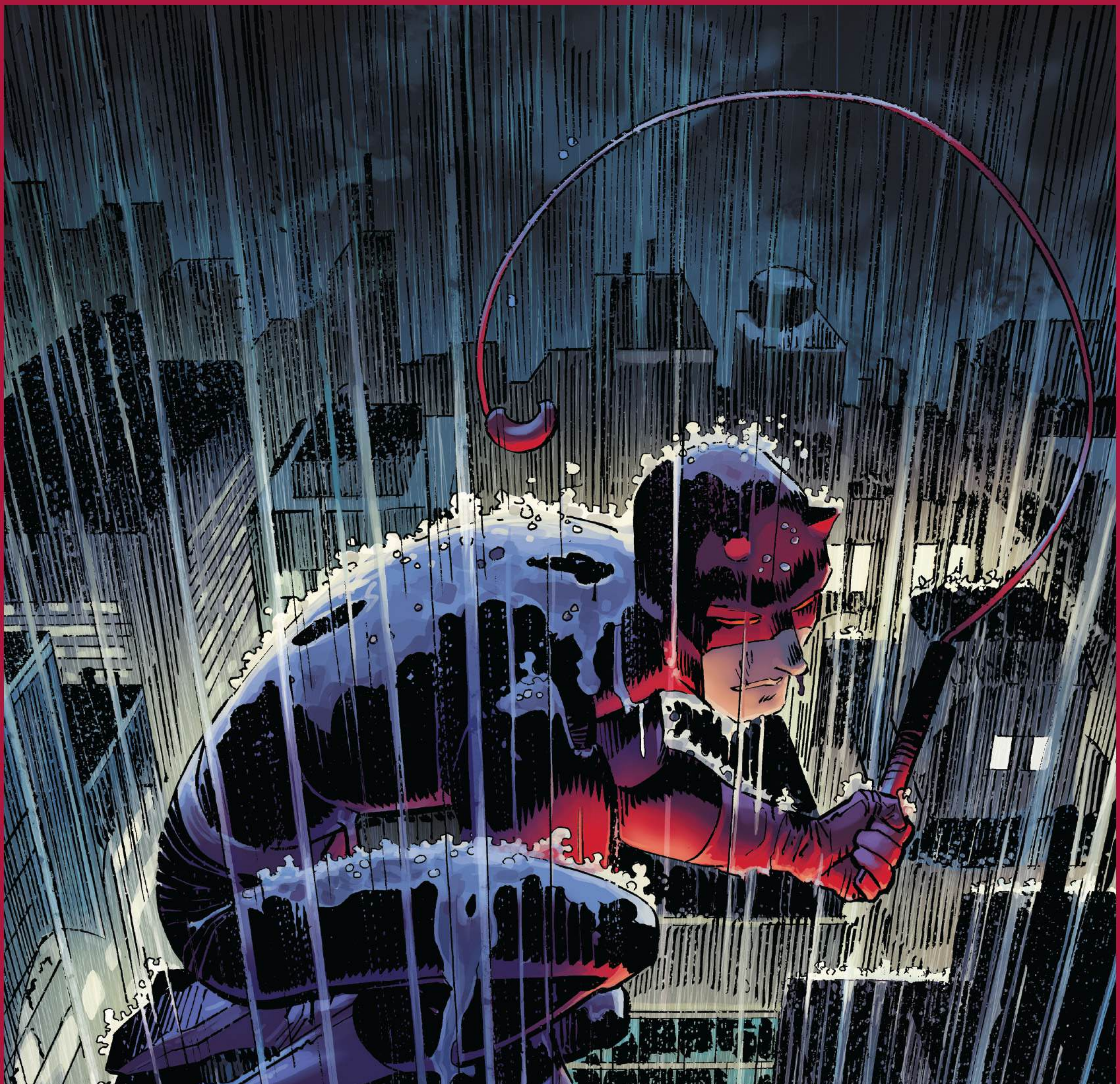

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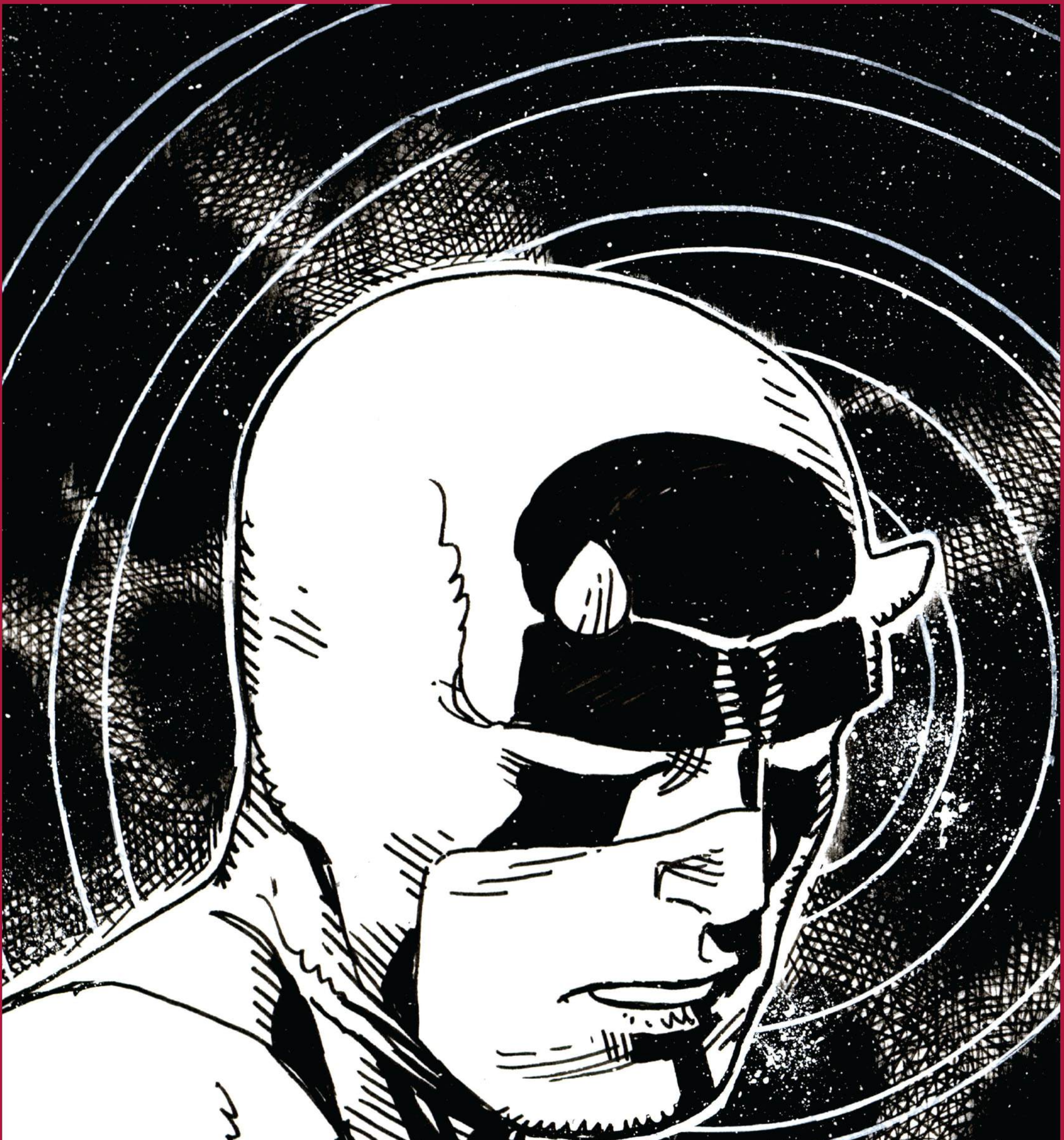
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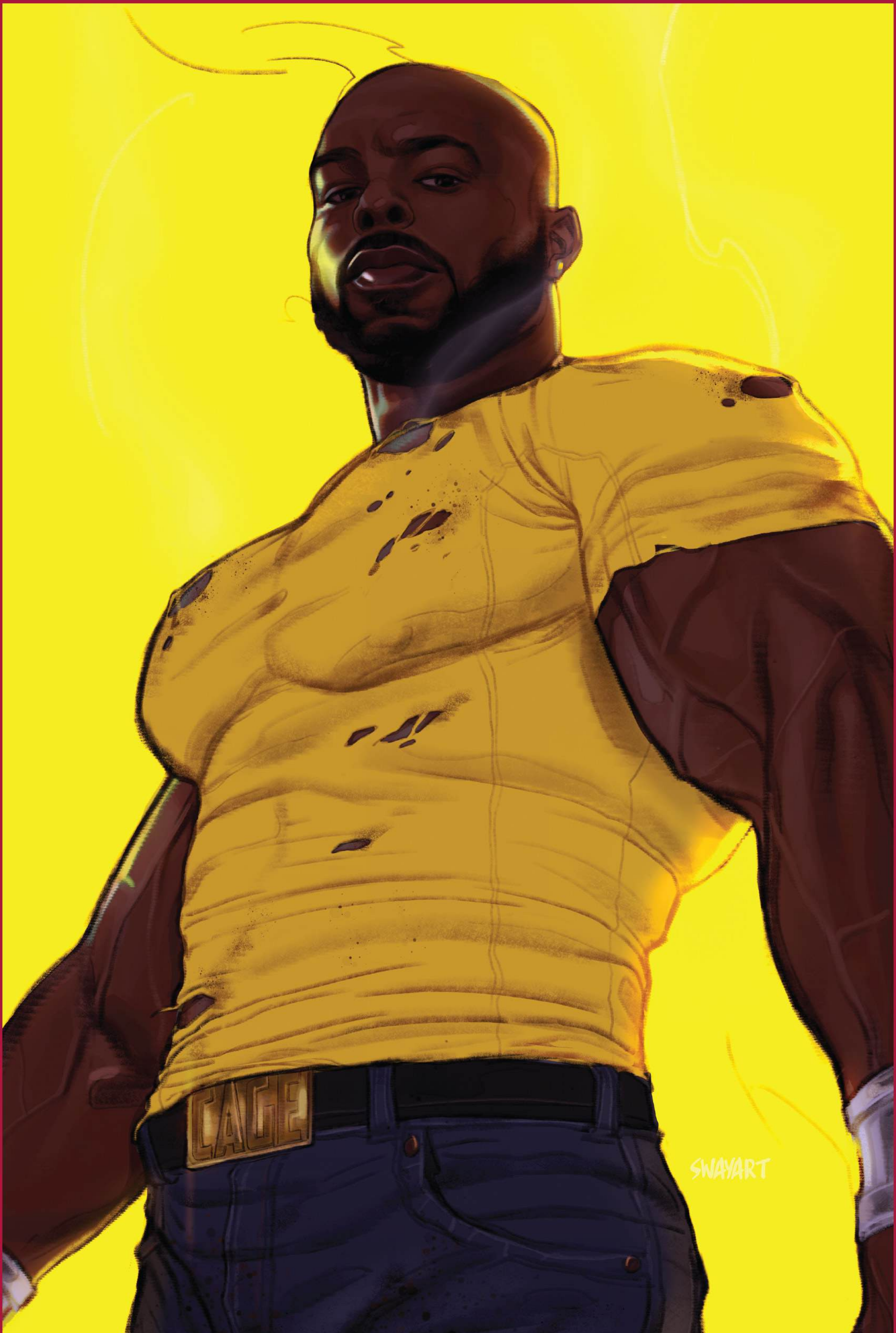
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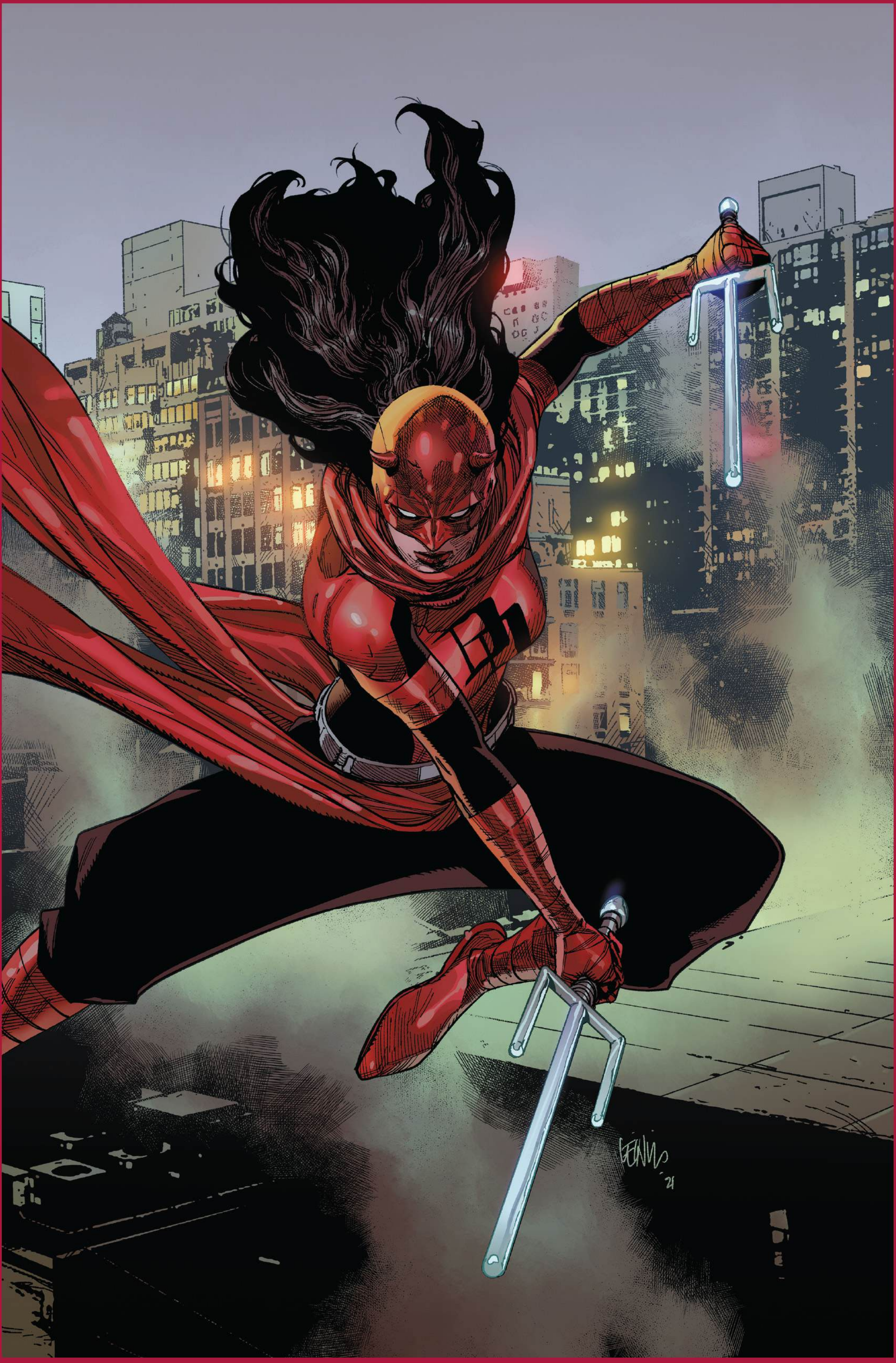

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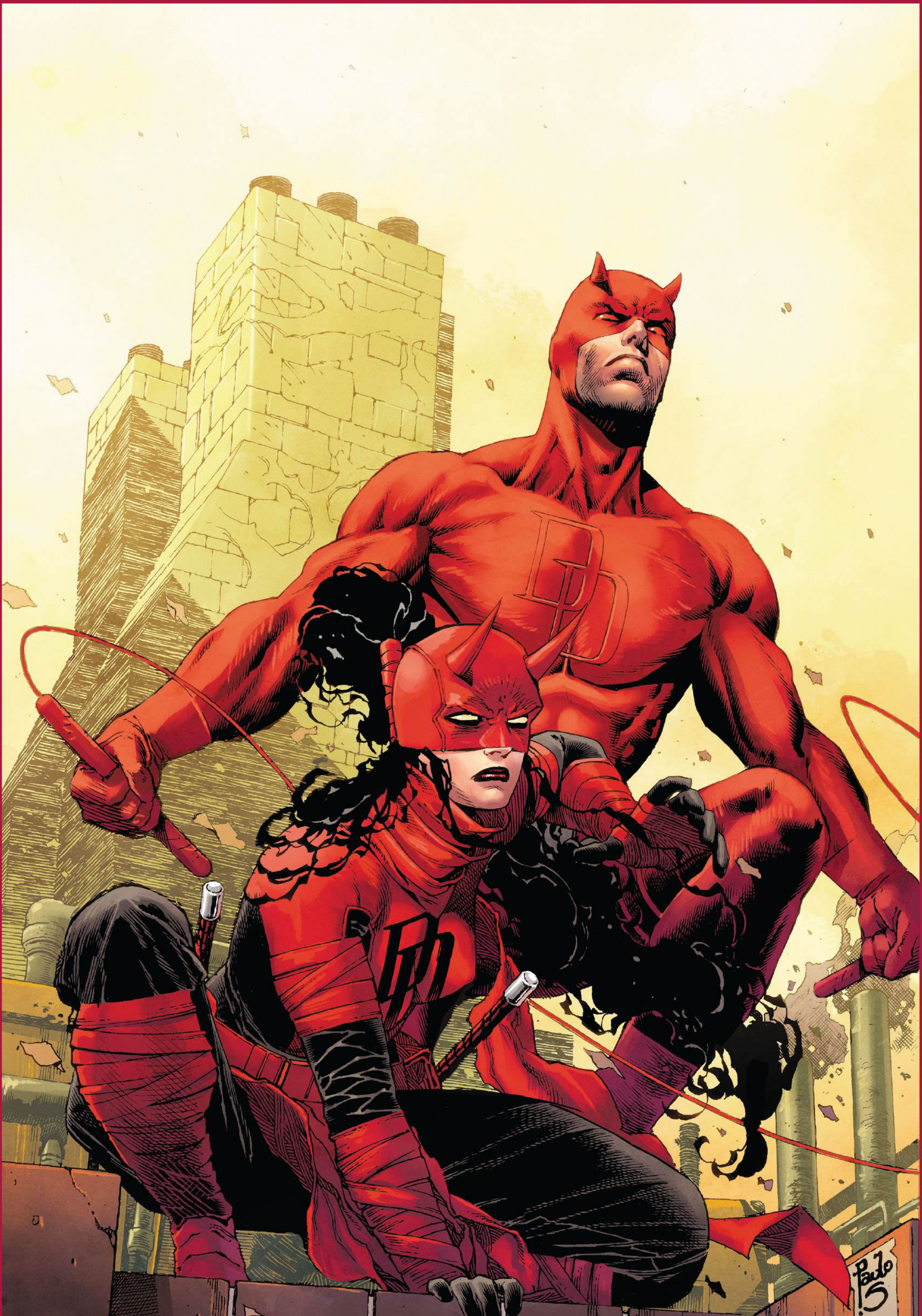

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AFTER
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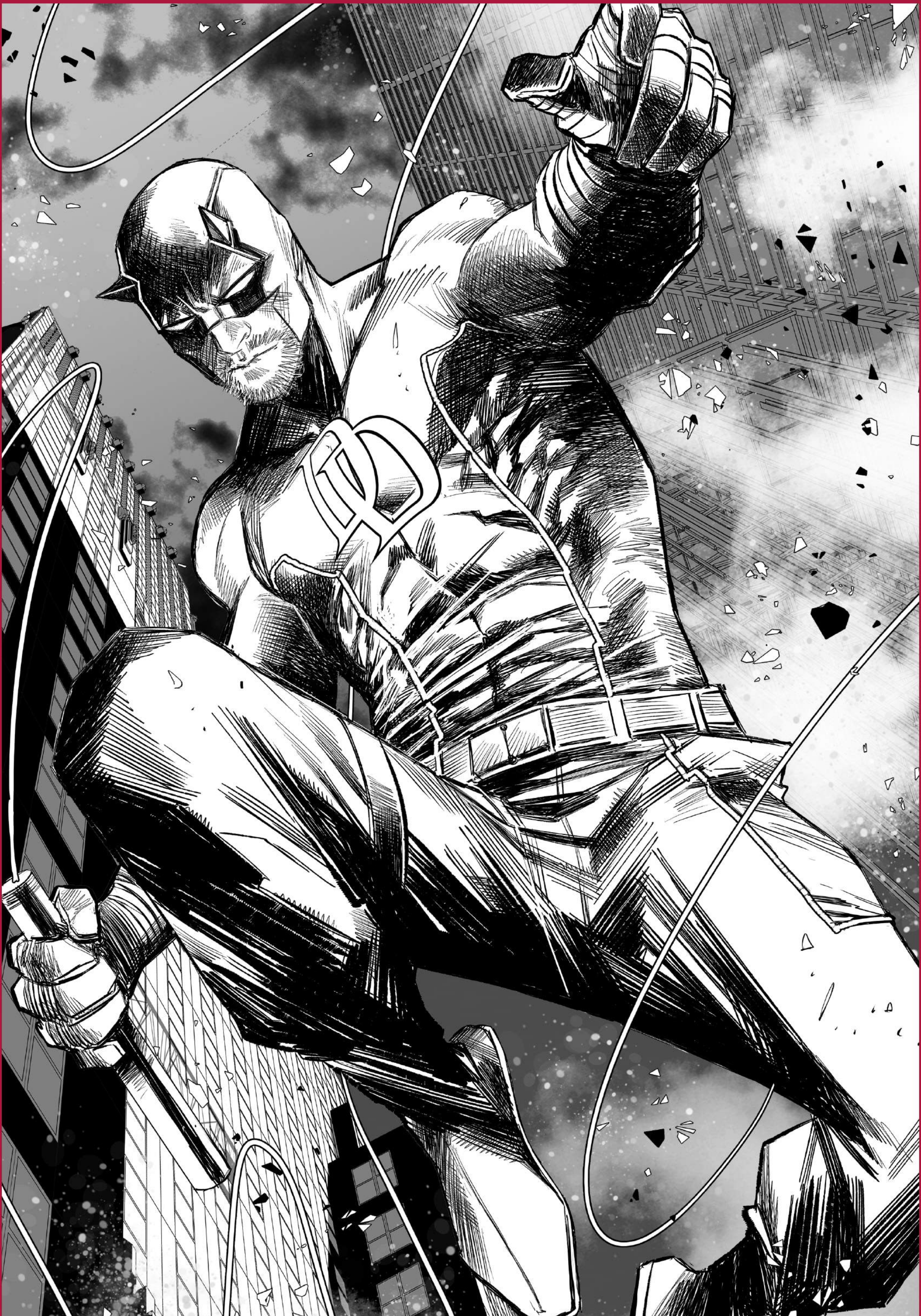

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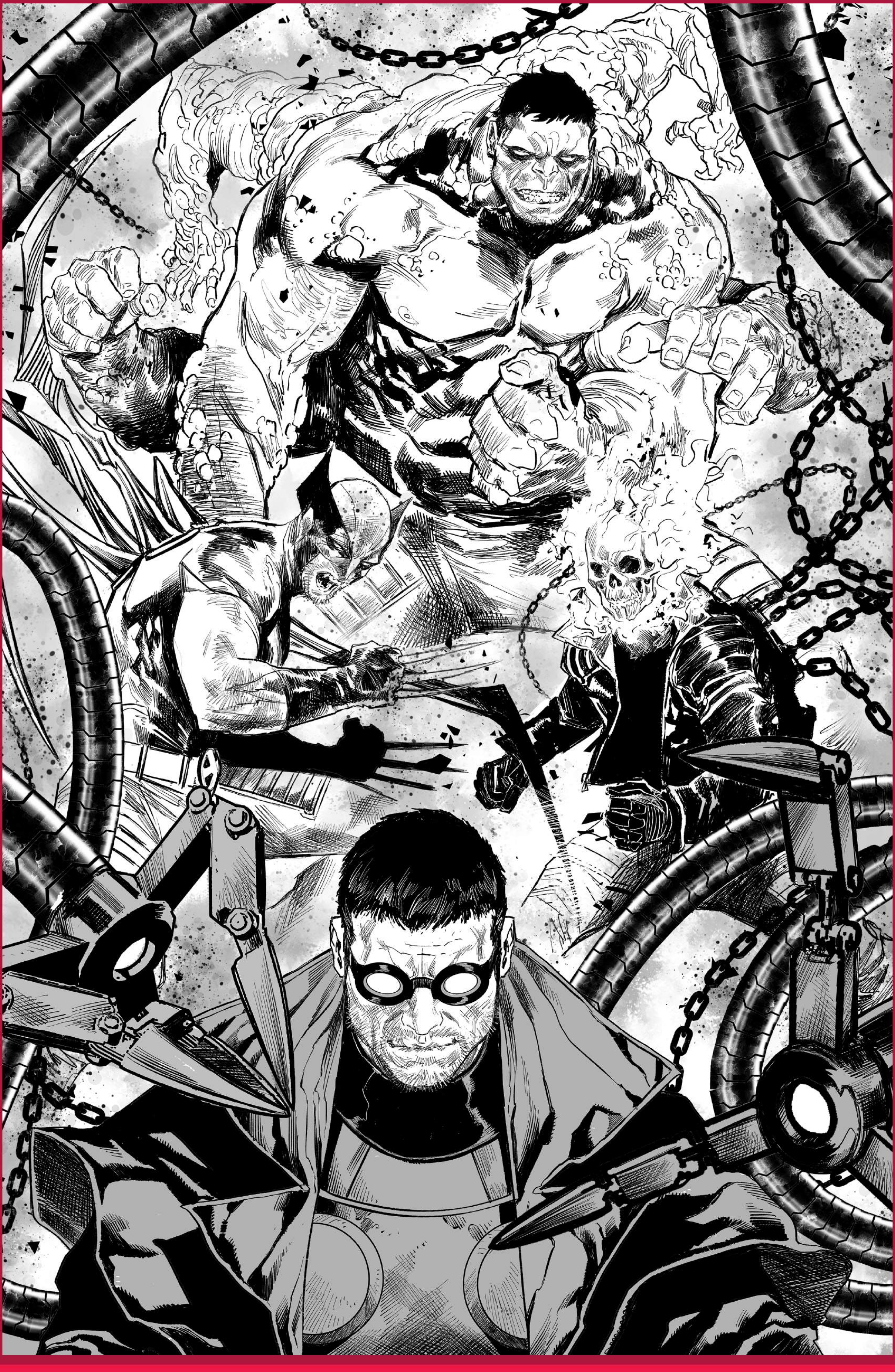

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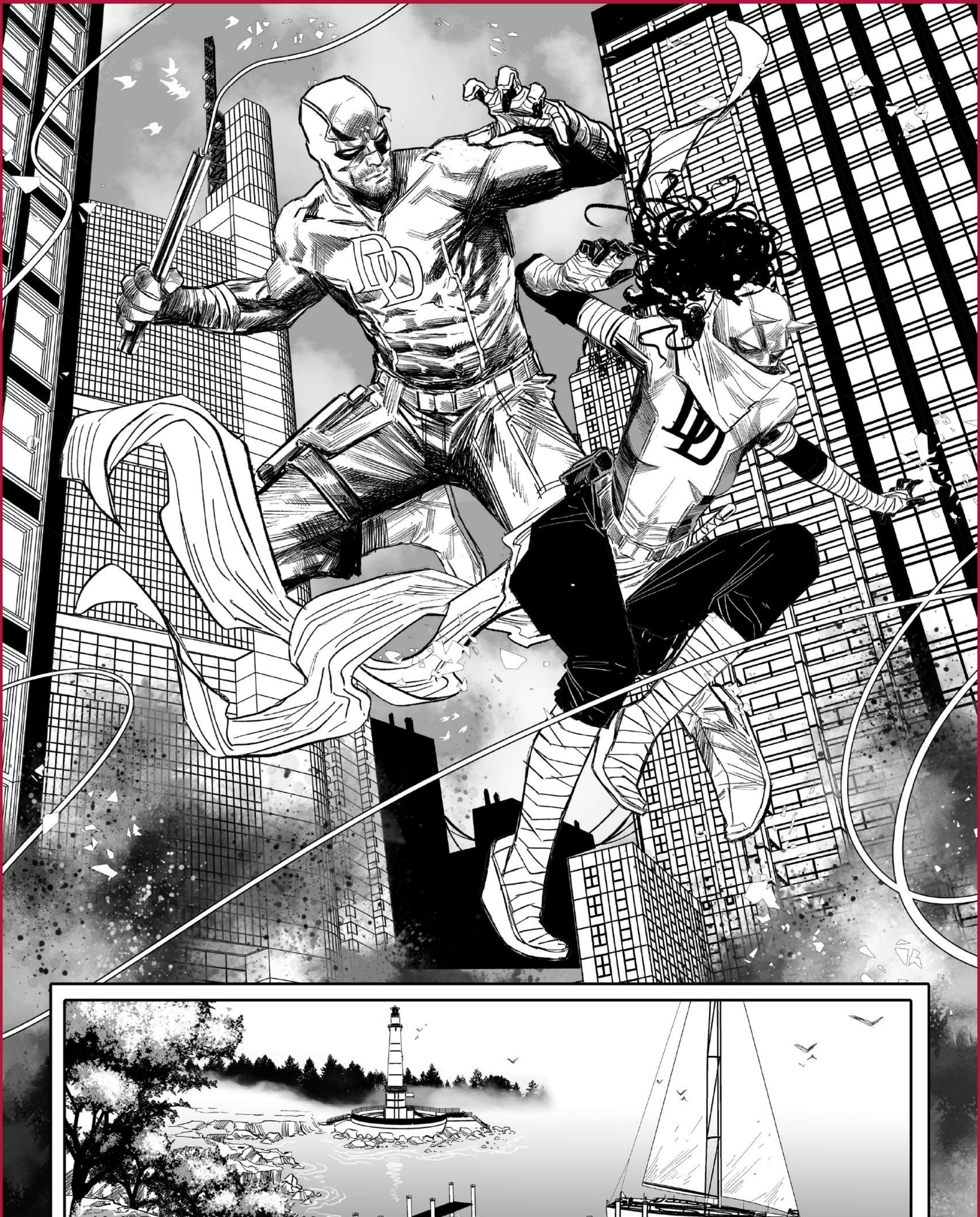

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